## In The Matter Of:

Vishva Desai v. ADT Security Services

Videotaped Deposition of Ryan M. Neill July 26, 2012



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| 2  | IN AND FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  EASTERN DIVISION  | 2  | MICHAEL E. BAUGHMAN, ESQUIRE   |
| 3  | HONORABLE ELAINE E. BUCKLO<br>CASE NO. 11 C 1925/MAGISTRATE KEYS  | 3  | PEPPER HAMILTON, LLP<br>3000 Two Logan Square  |
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| 6  | and others similarly situated, et al.,  | 6  | On behalf of the Defendant: (Eversafe/Safe Streets)  |
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| 8  | -vs-  | 8  | Columbus, OH 43215<br>Phone: 614-227-2300  |
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| 10   | Defendants. /   | 10   | ALSO PRESENT:  |
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| 13   | VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF RYAN M. NEILL TAKEN AT THE INSTANCE OF THE DEFENDANTS  | 13   |  |
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| 1  | DAPHNE FERNANDES   | 1  | Eckler here for Eversafe, now Safe Streets.             |
| 2  | PLAINTIFFS' EX. 9 LIST OF NAMES/PHONE 105<br>NUMBERS   |    | MR. MCCUE: Matthew McCue for the plaintiffs,            |
| 3  | PLAINTIFFS' EX. 10 REVENUE SPREADSHEET 110<br>PLAINTIFFS' EX. 11 E-MAIL DATED 4-20-11 FROM 119 | 2  | <u> </u>  |
| 4  | DAPHNE FERNANDES   | 3  | Vishva Desai and Philip Charvat.                        |
| 5  |  | 4  | MR. PARONICH: Anthony Paronich of Broderick             |
| 6  |  | 5  | Law also for the plaintiffs.                            |
| 7  |  | 6  | MR. NEILL: I'm just an observer.                        |
| 8  |  | 7  | Thereupon, (RYAN NEILL)                                 |
| 9  |  | 8  | having been first duly sworn or affirmed, was examined  |
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| 11 |  | 11 | DIRECT EXAMINATION                                      |
| 12 |  |    | BY MR. PISANI:  |
| 13 |  | 13 | Q. Could you please state your full name and            |
| 14 |  | 14 | spelling both your first and last name?                 |
| 15 |  | 15 | A. Ryan N. Neill. N-e-i-l-l.                            |
| 16 |  | 16 | Q. Thank you. Let the record reflect that this          |
| 17 |  | 17 | is the deposition of Ryan Neill taken pursuant to       |
| 18 |  | 18 | notice.   |
| 19 |  | 19 | This deposition is being taken in accordance            |
| 20 |  | 20 | with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and all       |
| 21 |  | 21 | applicable rules of the US District Court for the       |
| 22 |  | 22 | Northern District of Illinois.                          |
| 23 |  | 23 | Mr. Neill, my name is Dan Pisani. We were               |
| 24 |  | 24 | introduced previously before the deposition began. I'm  |
| 25 |  | 25 | going to be asking you some questions today, and I'm    |
|    |  |    |   |
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| 1  | PROCEEDINGS  | 1  | sure the other attorneys in the room are going to be    |
| 2  |  | 2  | asking you questions as well.                           |
| 3  | Videotaped Deposition taken before Debra   | 3  | I just want to go over a few of the ground              |
| 4  | Duran-Bornstein, Registered Professional Reporter and  | 4  | rules for you. As you can see, we have a court          |
| 5  | Notary Public in and for the State of Florida at Large,  | 5  | reporter, Debra, here that is taking down everything    |
| 6  | in the above cause.  | 6  | that we say in addition to a videographer. All of your  |
| 7  |  | 7  | answers do have to be out loud, okay?                   |
| 8  | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is the 26th day of  | 8  | A. Sure.  |

July, 2012. The time is 9:03 a.m. This is the videotaped deposition of Ryan M. Neill in the matter of Desai et al versus ADT Security Services, et al.

13 This deposition is being held at 250 Australian Avenue South, West Palm Beach, Florida. 14 My name is Jeff Abbot. I'm the videographer 15

representing Visual Evidence, Incorporated. Would the attorneys please announce their

appearances for the record? MR. SPOONT: Josh Spoont of Richman Greer on behalf of Elephant Group.

MR. PISANI: Daniel Pisani of the Sessions 21 firm for Elephant Group. 22

23 MR. BAUGHMAN: Mike Baughman from Pepper Hamilton, LLP for ADT. 24

MR. LINDSMITH: Quentin Lindsmith, Bricker &

Q. You're nodding your head and I understand you agree with what I'm saying, but just please make sure that all your responses are verbal.

If you don't understand one of my questions or one of the other questions posed to you by another attorney, just feel free to say so and we will try to rephrase it or restate so we can understand one another.

16 A. Sure.

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Q. Okay. If, at any time, you want to take a 17 break just say so and we can take a break and go off the

record, okay? 19 A. Sure.

Q. Can you give us your date of birth? 21

A. January, 25th, 1974.

23 Q. And your name is Ryan Neill. Have you been known by any other names? 24

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| 1  | Q.  | Where do you currently live?  |
| 2  | A.  | I live at 2255 Date Palm Road.  |
| 3  | _   | In what city?   |
| 4  |   | Boca Raton.   |
| 5  |   | And how long have you lived at that address?  |
| 6  |   | Four months.  |
| 7  | Q.  | And who do you live there with?   |
| 8  | A.  | My wife, Andrea, and my two children.   |
| 9  | Q.  | As you sit here today do you have any current   |
| 10   | plans   | of moving from that address?  |
| 11   | A.  | None as of today.   |
| 12   | Q.  | Can you tell us about your educational  |
| 13   | back  | ground? How far did you go in school?   |
| 14   | A.  | I have a bachelor's degree from C.W. Post. I  |
| 15   | have a  | two year degree from Nassau Community College.  |
| 16   | My d  | legrees are in psychology and sociology.  |
| 17   |   | When did you obtain those degrees?  |
| 18   | A.  | C.W. Post.  |
| 19   | Q.  | What year?  |
| 20   | A.  | Oh, '98 I believe I completed.  |
| 21   | Q.  | And are you currently employed?   |
| 22   | A.  | Yes.  |
| 23   | Q.  | And how are you employed presently?   |
| 24   | A.  | Self.   |
| 25   | Q.  | Do you own a business at the present time?  |
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| 1  | Α.  | Yes.  |
| 2  | O.  | And what is the business that you're currently  |
| 3  | _   | ved in?   |
| 4  | A.  |   |
| 5  | Q.  | •   |
| 6  | Q.  | Is that a corporation III C?  |
| ١ ٠  | Δ   | Is that a corporation, LLC?   |
| 1 7  | A.  | It's an LLC.  |
| 7  | Q.  | It's an LLC.<br>Florida LLC?  |
| 8  | Q.<br>A.  | It's an LLC.<br>Florida LLC?<br>Yes.  |
| 8  | Q.<br>A.<br>Q.                                  | It's an LLC. Florida LLC? Yes. What kind of business is Altitude Group?   |
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Q. Were you the only member of that LLC?

A. I believe my wife was a member. I'm not

July 26, 2012 Page 11 100 percent on that. Q. And when was that LLC formed? 2 A. I believe Paramount was formed in October of 3 '10 to the best of my knowledge. Q. And is that LLC still operating? A. No. 6 7 O. Was it dissolved? A. Yes. 8 Q. And when was it dissolved? 9 A. I don't have an exact date. Somewhere within the last six months. The company had no assets, it had 11 12 no business. Q. So sometime in the six months prior to today? 13 A. I believe so to the best of my knowledge. 14 Q. And when you dissolved Paramount did you file 15 something with the State of Florida? 16 A. Yes. The person who managed the books 17 obviously did all of that. 18 Q. And who is that person? 19 A. Vanessa Autray. 20 Q. Can you spell the last name? 21 A. A-u-t-r-a-y. 22 Q. And that's somebody you hired to manage the books or was --24 A. Yeah, someone that helps me from time-to-time Page 12 with books, QuickBooks, things like that. 1 Q. When did -- so you dissolved the LLC sometime in the last six months. When did you actually stop performing business with Paramount Media Group? A. I don't have an exact date. You know, 5 6 basically what occurred here put the company out of 7 business.

- Q. When you say "what occurred here," the 8
- 9 situation behind the lawsuit we're here about today?
- A. Yeah. I mean, we were a new company. We were 10
- trying to get off the ground and just didn't make it. 11
- Q. Now, the business of Paramount Media Group was 12
- alarm sales?
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- A. Alarm sales. 14
  - Q. And as I understand it you operated an inbound
- call center? 16

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- A. Correct.
- Q. And tell me how that worked. What did you do 18
- at the inbound call center? 19
- A. You buy leads. You take calls. You try and 20
- convert them to sales. You try and turn the sales into 21
- revenue. Pay your staff. You get up again the next day 22
- 23 and try it again.
- Q. And how many staff members did you have at 24
- Paramount Media Group? 25

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- A. I would say anywhere between ten and 18, you
- 2 know, I couldn't give you an exact number. Sales staff
- 3 in South Florida is a very tough thing to maintain.
- 4 Q. So it fluctuated over the course of the --
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. You say that you -- you mentioned buying
- 7 leads, correct?
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. Can you tell us what that means?
- 10 A. Sales is very simple. You know, you buy leads
- 11 from people that generate their own leads. You utilize
- 12 those leads for a conversion, and you try to turn a
- conversion into revenue. So I mean, buying leads is
- 14 just buying leads. I don't know how to elaborate on it
- 15 further.
- Q. Okay. And when you bought leads you bought
- them from a number of different companies?
- 18 A. Lead vendors.
- Q. And was one of the lead vendors that you
- bought leads from a company called EMI?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you buy leads from other companies as
- 23 well?
- 24 A. Yeah.
- Q. What other companies did you buy leads from?

- A. I'll, you know, tell me a bit about your
- 2 leads. He told me they're live transfer leads coming

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- 3 from an agent. He told me that they were all compliant
- 4 to standards, opt-in, his data, and that his agents
- 5 call, warm it up, like a warm transfer, which is a type
- 6 of lead, and transfer it to me. To my agent. So it was
- 7 coming from a live person.
- 8 Q. So somebody at EMI would transfer a live phone
- 9 call to somebody at Paramount Media Group?
- A. Correct. I had someone, a live agent would say "I have Bill Smith on the line. He has interest in
- a home security system," and transfer it.
  - Q. And then you would pay EMI for each --
- 14 A. Per lead.
  - Q. So for each phone call that was transferred
- 16 into Paramount Media Group you would pay for that phone
- 17 call?

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- 18 A. Correct.
- Q. How much would you pay for each phone call?
  - A. I believe it was like 30 bucks or 25 bucks. I
- 21 don't have an exact number. But that's pretty much the
- 22 going rate. A warm transfer, in any industry, can range
- 23 from \$25 to \$40.
- Q. And I'm going to show you a document that
- we'll go ahead and mark.

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- A. You know what? I don't even have the --
- 2 buying leads is very come and go. You get an insertion
- 3 order, you purchase the leads, you try the lead. If
- 4 they're good you utilize the leads. I don't necessarily
- 5 have that information.
- 6 Q. How did you first become involved with a
- 7 company known as EMI?
- 8 A. I saw on a Craig's list ad home security
- 9 leads. I called the person. The person answered the
- 10 phone. They said, yeah, anyone who is big in security
- uses us. I started using them.Q. And when was that call, do you recall when
- Q. And when was that call, do you recall when that --
- A. I don't have a date for it.
- Q. Do you remember who you spoke with at EMI?
- A. I believe it was Chris Long.
- MR. LINDSMITH: I'm sorry, is that Chris Long?
- THE WITNESS: I believe so, yeah. To the best
- of my recollection.
- 20 BY MR. PISANI:
- Q. And after this conversation with Chris Long,
- 22 what did you do? How did you further the relationship
- 23 with EMI?
- A. I said send me a purchase order.
- 25 O. Okay.

- 1 (Defendants' Exhibit No. 1 was marked for2 identification.)
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, it's a purchase order.
- 4 MR. PISANI: Okay.
- 5 MR BAUGHMAN: What is this marked?
- 6 MR. PISANI: It's marked as Exhibit 1.
  - MR BAUGHMAN: Just 1?
- 8 BY MR. PISANI:
- 9 Q. So Mr. Neill, what we have before you is a
- document marked as Exhibit 1. You said this is a
- 11 purchase order?
- 12 A. Correct.
- Q. And at the top of it it reads, transfer
- service order. Is that another name for a purchase order?
- 16 A. Yes.
  - Q. And so according to this document you
- 18 purchased 100 total transfers?
- 19 A. Yes
- Q. And then you paid EMI \$20 per phone call that was transferred?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And was this the only type of written
- agreement that you had, or document that you had with
- 25 EMI?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Now, when you had this conversation with Chris
- Long initially, he told you that they were fully
- 4 compliant, correct?
- A. Yes. 5
- Q. Did he tell you they complied with all federal 6
- regulations regarding telemarketing? 7
- A. Yes. When someone says to you that everything 8
- 9 we do is compliant, you umbrella the situation as a
- business owner in your mind. 10
- Q. And other than that did you have any knowledge 11
- 12 regarding how EMI actually obtained its own leads?
- A. To the best of my knowledge I was under the 13
- impression that EMI was dialing outbound with their 14
- 15 agents as it appeared, because they were sending you a
- live transfer from a live person on their own opt-in 16
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- Q. You didn't know, though, that EMI was 18
- robo-dialing, did you? 19
- 20 A. No.
- Q. And you did not know that EMI was sending 21
- prerecorded messages to consumers, did you? 22
- 23 A. No.
- Q. After you received these transfers into your 24
- inbound call center what would you do with those phone

- 1 A. That's correct.
- (Defendants' Exhibit No. 2 was marked for 2

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- identification.) 3
- 4 BY MR. PISANI:
  - Q. Mr. Neill, what I've just shown you is a
- document marked as Exhibit 2. Do you recognize that
- 7 document?
  - A. Yes, I do.
- Q. This is an addendum to the affiliate agreement
- you had with Saveology? 10
  - A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And on the first page of that document it has
- your signature, correct? 13
- A. Correct. 14
  - Q. And then on the bottom left corner of each
- page of the document it has your initials, correct? 16
- 17 A. Correct.
  - Q. And when you entered into your agreement with
- Saveology, you knew that there were certain rules and 19
- regulations that you were required to comply with, 20
- correct? 21
- A. Correct. 22
  - O. And ADT had specific marketing guidelines that
- needed to be complied with as well, correct? 24
- A. Correct. 25

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Page 20 Q. Those marketing guidelines were lined out in

- this Exhibit 2, correct? 2
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. If you turn to the third page of that document
- you see a section that's referenced "telemarketing
- 6 guidelines," correct?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And under the terms of your agreement with 8
- 9 Saveology one of the requirements was that you make no
- 10 unsolicited outbound telephone calls, correct?
- A. Correct. 11
  - Q. And during the course of Paramount Media Group
- you didn't make any out -- unsolicited outbound
- telephone calls trying to sell ADT products, did you? 14
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And this agreement also requires that you not 16
- use any prerecorded messages in connection with any 17
- telemarketing services on ADT's behalf, correct? 18
- 19 A. That's correct.
  - Q. And during the course of your relationship
- with Saveology you didn't use any prerecorded messages, 21
- 22 did you?
- 23 A. That's correct. I did not.
- Q. At any point while you were operating 24
  - Paramount Media Group did you ever make any outbound

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- A. I would explain the product, which we were 2
- selling, you know, it started out as alarms. I sold 3
- some alarm for a company called Protect America. And 4 then we moved to -- after we signed up with Saveology we 5
- 6 moved to the ADT product, which just seemed to -- people
- have more recognition of it. We would tell them, hey, 7
- this is what you get, this is how it works, come out to 8
- your house, we install it. Very simple, very 9
- straightforward. 10
- Q. And so you sold, you said you sold, basically, 11 two different products, Protect America and ADT? 12
- A. (Nodding head.) 13
- Q. Is that "yes?" 14
- A. Yes. 15
- Q. Did you sell any other products during the 16
- course of your involvement with Paramount Media Group? 17
- A. We sold -- we sold Dish network for one week. 18
- 19 Q. Now, you mentioned a relationship with Saveology. 20
- A. Uh-huh. 21
- Q. Correct? Yes? 22
- 23 A. Correct. Yes.
- Q. And you entered into an affiliate agreement 24
- with Saveology?

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- sales calls?
- A. Any number that was dialed outbound was a 2
- redial on a number that came in. So realistically the 3
- 4 answer to your question, if we spoke to Bill Smith
- hypothetically and he said call me back at five, yeah, 5
- we're -- if that's what you classify. 6
- Q. So it would be only in response to somebody 7
- you had already spoken with? 8
- A. All of our dialing information was information 9
- that had came in and if it went back out, I mean, it 10
- depends on how you classify it. 11
- 12 Q. Let me put it to you this way: At any point
- while you were operating Paramount Media Group did you 13
- make any cold sales calls outbound? 14
- A. No. No. 15
- Q. When did you first become aware that EMI was 16
- using prerecorded messages? 17
- A. I'm not -- I wasn't aware they were using them 18
- so I can't speak for what other people do. 19
- Q. So at no point while you were operating 20
- 21 Paramount Media Group and obtaining transfers from EMI
- were you aware that EMI was using prerecorded messages, 22
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. That's correct, you were not aware of that?

- 1 A. He told me that someone called him with a
- 2 prerecorded message. At that point I knew protocol was
- to request the information and, you know, I got his 3
- 4 opt-in information. And I called my legal counsel.
- And, you know, I just found out that this guy does this
- all over the country all day for a living. 6

7 So I settled the issue with him, and like I

- said, where there's smoke there's fire. And that was 8
- the tenure, I notified Saveology what I was told, but 9
- once again I don't know what they did. For all I know 10
- this guy just opted in, got a phone call, and felt like 11
- 12 messing with somebody.
- O. And after you found out this information 13
- related to Jay Conner, is that when you ended your 14
- 15 relationship with EMI?
- A. Uh-huh. 16
- Q. Is that a "yes?" 17
- A. Yes. There was obviously an investigation at 18
- the point. You know, I notified Saveology, and they 19
- said terminate the relationship and I did. 20
- Q. Because you knew pursuant to your agreement 21
- with Saveology that you were not allowed to use 22
- prerecorded messages, correct? 23
- A. That is correct. 24
- 25 Q. During the course of this litigation you've

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- A. I mean, the reality of -- I'm going to retort 1
- back to my question, I don't know what EMI did. Did I
- come to a point where, you know, when I had an issue 3
- with a person by the name of Jay Conner, is the first 4
- time that I ever was aware of anything that could have 5
- 6 been problematic.
  - Realistically as I investigated, you know, he
- was -- this is a professional telemarketing-type of 8
- 9 person that -- he's a scam artist. So that was the
- first time where I felt there was smoke which, you know, 10
- there's fire. 11

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- Q. And Jay Conner was somebody that had filed a 12
- lawsuit or made a claim? 13
- A. Yeah. He's an individual that sits home and 14
- puts fake opt-in information in, you know, websites of 15
- interest and he does this for a living. 16
- Q. And do you know when that occurred, when you 17
- found out about this Jay Conner? 18
- A. The date should be -- I don't have the date in 19
- my head. It should be in the information that has been 20
- sent to everyone here. 21
- Q. So after you had this involvement with Jay 22
- 23 Conner, did he contact you directly, Jay Conner?
- A. Oh, yeah. He was extorting me. 24
- Q. And what did he tell you? 25

- spoken to some of the lawyers involved in this case,
- 2 correct? 3 A. A little bit of everybody.
- Q. Okay. And you spoke to counsel for the 4
- plaintiffs in this case, right? Do you remember 5
- 6 speaking with --
  - A. These guys?
- Q. Anthony Paronich? 8
- 9 A. Oh, yeah, they've reached out to me.
- Q. In fact they -- how many conversations did you 10 have? 11
- A. Verbal? 12
- Q. Yes. 13

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- A. Zero. 14
  - Q. Was it all by e-mail?
- A. You know, it was all by -- it was all by 16
- subpoena, I would say. I know my counsel at the time 17 had spoken to them. And, yeah, I mean, I never e-mailed 18
- 19 directly because I didn't feel that was the proper way
- 20 to -- the proper way for them is to speak to my
- attorney. 21
  - Q. Okay.
- 23 A. So I never had the luxury of having a chat.
- Q. At some point they did, the plaintiffs' 24
- attorneys, request that you sign an affidavit for them? 25

**ADT Security Services** Page 25 Page 27 1 A. Yes, they did. agreeing to that? Q. Okay. And did that come directly to you or Q. So what is written there in Paragraph 7, 2 2 through your attorney? that's completely false? 3 3 4 A. The affidavit came to my attorney, and after 4 A. It's loaded. reviewing the affidavit I chose not to sign it because I Q. It's false, right? 5 did feel a lot of the things in the affidavit were, in A. Yes, it's false. 6 6 my business what you would call a loaded question. 7 Q. And so after receiving this affidavit you 7 Q. Let's go ahead and mark this, please. never executed it because you thought it was loaded and 8 8 (Defendants' Exhibit No. 3 was marked for 9 you thought the paragraphs, or at least some of them were completely false? identification.) 10 10 THE WITNESS: This is the affidavit? 11 11 A. Loaded. 12 BY MR. PISANI: 12 MR. PISANI: One second. Q. Well, why don't you take a look at it and let MR. BAUGHMAN: Off the record for a second. 13 13 us know. What you have before you is a document we've (Discussion held off the record.) 14 14 marked as Exhibit 3. Is this --15 15 (At 9:28 a.m. a recess was taken.) A. To the best of my knowledge this is it. I 16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by, please. Back on 16 mean, the amount of paperwork, it's very tough. the record at 9:30. 17 17 Q. Well, you said a few moments ago that the 18 THE WITNESS: For the record, instead of me 18 affidavit you had looked at contained some loaded using my terms, it's false. 19 19 questions, correct? BY MR. PISANI: 20 20 A. Yes. That's how I felt. Q. Okay. When you say it's false, the statements 21 21 Q. And is that another way of saying that the 22 in the affidavit? 22 questions, the statements just weren't true? A. Correct. 23 23 MR. MCCUE: Objection. MR. MCCUE: Objection. You're talking about 24 24 25 25 one paragraph, correct? Page 26 BY MR. PISANI: MR. PISANI: Objection. You have time to ask 1 1 Q. You can answer. your own questions. 2 2 A. The way I read the affidavit, and tell me if THE WITNESS: What I was saying was I answered 3 3 I'm right or wrong, because I might have been wrong, an it in a -- in my way where I should have answered 4 5

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- affidavit is your words, correct?
- Q. I can't really answer questions. 6
- A. I just felt an affidavit is your words. So if 7
- someone sends me something that says these are your 8
- 9 words, sign it, well, that to me, and I don't know the
- law, I'm not a lawyer, is loaded. 10
- O. So you didn't --11
- 12 A. If someone said, hey, I'll fly you up to here
- and sit down and we'll have a chat, well, okay. I'll 13
- chat with anybody. I let, from the beginning of this 14
- 15 situation, I let everyone know I'm open to chatting.
- But, you know, I just don't want to be -- someone send 16
- me something and saying well this is what happened. 17
- Q. Okay. So the affidavit that you were sent 18
- 19 wasn't a summary of a conversation you had with anybody?
- A. No. It's not a summary but it's going -- if 20
- you look at this affidavit, I'll give you an example, 21
- 22 No. 7. It was my understanding that the business of EMI was to telemarket via prerecorded messages. There's
- nothing I've ever stated to anyone that has said that, 24
- so why would I sign a document, a legal document 25

- the question correctly. There are statements in 5
- the affidavit that are false. 6
- 7 BY MR. PISANI:
- Q. And one of those examples of a statement 8
- 9 that's false is Paragraph 7, correct?
  - A. Correct.
- O. And then also in Paragraph 11, if you take a 11
- look at that, that statement in Paragraph 11 is also 12
- 13 false, correct?

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- A. That's correct. 14
- MR BAUGHMAN: I'm sorry, it's correct that 15 16
- it's false? It was a double negative. Is 17 Paragraph 11 false?
  - A. Correct. It is false.
- MR. BAUGHMAN: I think that's clear enough. 19
  - BY MR. PISANI:
- Q. I think we got it. Paragraph 11 is false? 21
  - A. Correct.
  - MR. PISANI: All right. Okay, Mr. Neill, that is all the questions that I have for you right now.
    - I'm sure these other lawyers have some questions

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| 1        | for you as well.   | 1        | Q. So your agreement was to work with Saveology,  |
| 2        | THE WITNESS: All right.  | 2        | correct?  |
| 3        | MR. PISANI: Why don't we take a break and  | 3        | A. That's correct.  |
| 4        | that way we can switch.  | 4        | Q. The agreement was not to work with ADT,  |
| 5        | (Discussion held off the record and a brief  | 5        | correct?  |
| 6        | recess was taken.)   | 6        | A. That's correct.  |
| 7        | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record at  | 7        | Q. And you were paid by Saveology, correct?   |
| 8        | 9:42.  | 8        | A. Correct.   |
| 9        | CROSS (RYAN NEILL)   | 9        | Q. You weren't paid by ADT, correct?  |
| 10       | BY MR. BAUGHMAN:   | 10       | A. That's correct.  |
| 11       | Q. Good morning, Mr. Neill.  | 11       | Q. You never received any payment from ADT,   |
| 12       | A. How are you?  | 12       | correct?  |
| 13       | Q. Good. My name is Michael Baughman. We met   | 13       | A. Correct.   |
| 14       | once before. And I came down to Florida to meet with   | 14       | Q. Now, did you have an understanding, the leads  |
| 15       | you to talk about this case a little bit; is that  | 15       | that you were generating for Saveology, do you know                                     |
| 16       | correct?   | 16       | where they went?  |
| 17       | A. That's correct.   | 17       | A. I don't understand.  |
| 18       | Q. And I asked you a lot of the same questions   | 18       | Q. Let's say you get a lead and you pass that   |
| 19       | that we asked today, right?  | 19       | along. The lead comes into you, you convince them to                                    |
| 20       | A. Correct.  | 20       | buy product, then what happens after that?  |
| 21       | Q. And I just asked you to tell me truthfully  | 21       | A. There's an order entry system.   |
| 22       | what happened, correct?  | 22       | Q. Okay. Whose order entry system is that?  |
| 23       | A. Correct.  | 23       | A. I believe Saveology's.   |
| 24       | Q. And I didn't tell you to give any particular  | 24       | Q. Okay. And so Saveology, does Saveology then  |
| 25       | answers to any particulars questions, I just asked you   | 25       | get that lead, is that the terminology?   |
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| 1        | what happened, correct?  | 1        | A. Yes.   |
| 2        | A. That's correct. We had a chat.  | 2        | Q. Do you know what Saveology does with that lead                                       |
| 3        | Q. We had a chat, correct. Can you pull up   | 3        | thereafter?   |
| 4        | Exhibit 2 there?   | 4        | A. No.  |
| 5        | A. This is   | 5        | Q. Do you know whether it goes to ADT dealers or  |
| 6        | Q. That's the addendum 1 to the Paramount Media  |          | ADT direct, ADT corporate? You just don't know?   |
| 7        | Group agreement.   | 7        | A. I can't answer that. I don't know.   |
| 8        | A. There it is.  | 8        | Q. So you've never had any conversation with ADT  |
| 9        | Q. And we've discussed earlier, this is your   | 9        | about your business, correct?   |
| 10       | agreement with Paramount Group; is that right?  A. This is Paramount's agreement with Saveology. | 10       | <ul><li>A. Correct.</li><li>Q. You never had any conversations with ADT about</li></ul> |
| 11<br>12 | Q. I'm sorry, Paramount's agreement with   | 11<br>12 | how you were conducting your business?  |
| 13       | Saveology. And your contract was with Saveology; is  | 13       | A. Correct.   |
| 14       | that correct?  | 14       | Q. Never had any conversations with ADT about how                                       |
| 15       | A. That is correct.  | 15       | you were generating your leads?   |
| 16       | Q. You did not have a contract with ADT, correct?  | 16       | A. Correct.   |
| 17       | A. That's correct.   | 17       | Q. Never told anyone from ADT that you had  |
| 18       | Q. Did you have any contact with anyone from ADT   | 18       | retained EMI, correct?  |
| 19       | while you were working for Paramount?  | 19       | A. Correct.   |
| 20       | A. No.   | 20       | Q. Never got approval from anyone at ADT to hire  |
| 21       | Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone  | 21       | EMI, correct?   |
|          | Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone  | 44       | Livii, concet.  |
| 22       | from ADT?  | 22       | A. Correct.   |

A. No.

A. No.

Q. Ever exchange any correspondence with ADT?

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Q. And you received no direction from ADT about

A. Any direction I received is in this document.

generally how you should be marketing product, correct?

Case: 1:11-cv-01925 Document #: 282-8 Filed: 07/14/14 Page 10 of 36 PageID #:4037 Vishva Desai v. **ADT Security Services** Page 33 Page 35 Q. So there were certain restrictions on what you Q. Paramount did. Paramount determined the could do, correct? 2 appropriate marketing methods to generate leads, 2 A. Correct. correct? 3 3 4 Q. But generally speaking it was up to you to 4 A. Correct. determine how to sell, or how to generate leads, Q. Now, we discussed that the agreement that you 5 correct? had with Saveology put certain restrictions on what you 6 A. Correct. 7 could do, right? 7 O. So --A. Correct. 8 8 A. With the restrictions, of course. Q. And you understood, among other things, you 9 9 Q. Subject to the restrictions you decided how to had to follow ADT's marketing guidelines, right? 10 10 market, correct? A. Correct. 11 11 12 A. Correct. 12 Q. And ADT had some very strict marketing Q. You were an independent in that respect? guidelines, right? 13 13 A. Correct. A. Correct. 14 14 Q. ADT was very concerned about compliance, 15 Q. And you weren't an employee of Saveology, 15 right? right? 16 16 A. Extremely. 17 A. Correct. 17 Q. You were an independent contractor for Q. ADT was very concerned about telemarketing 18 18 Saveology, correct? compliance, right? 19 19 A. Correct. A. Right. 20 20 Q. You had your own business that had a contract Q. ADT wanted anyone working -- anyone selling 21 21 with Saveology, correct? anything relating to ADT, ADT wanted them to comply with 22 22 A. Paramount had a contract with Saveology. all laws and regulations, right? 23 23 Q. Now, did you have an understanding of whether A. That's correct. 24 24 your relationship -- I think you said you sold some 25 Q. And so did Saveology, right? Page 34 Page 36 other product, as well; is that right? A. That's correct. 1 1 Q. And you understood that Exhibit B to --A. Correct. 2 2 MR. PISANI: 2. Q. And that was while you were working with 3 3 Saveology? BY MR. BAUGHMAN: 4 A. Correct. Q. Deposition Exhibit 2, see Exhibit B there, 5 5 Q. So your relationship with Saveology wasn't 6 Saveology ADT affiliates updated 6/16/10. These were exclusive, right? some of the restrictions, correct? 7 7 A. Correct. A. Some of them. 8 8 9 Q. You could work with others, right? 9 O. But there were more? A. A small novel of War and Peace. 10 10 Q. You could sell security leads to others if you

- 11
- wanted, correct? 12
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. And the same question I asked you about ADT, 14
- but Saveology put certain restrictions on what you could
- do in marketing, correct? 16
- A. Correct. 17
- Q. But subject to those restrictions, Saveology 18
- didn't tell you how to generate leads, right? 19
- A. Correct. 20
- Q. That was up to you? 21
- A. Correct. 22
- 23 Q. And you determined the appropriate marketing
- methods to do that, right? 24
- A. Paramount did. 25

- Q. ADT was very serious about telemarketing 11
- compliance? 12

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- A. So was Paramount. 13
- Q. And Paramount was very serious about it. 14
  - A. (Nodding head.)
- Q. Saveology was very serious about it? 16
- A. (Nodding head.) 17
- Q. If you take a look at Exhibit B on Exhibit 2, 18
- among the restrictions here it says "under no 19
- circumstances will any Saveology.com affiliate make any 20 unsolicited outbound telephone calls." 21

Did you understand that you were restricted 22 23 from making unsolicited outbound telemarketing calls?

- A. Correct.
  - Q. You were not permitted to do that under your

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agreement with Saveology?

2 A. Correct.

- Q. Saveology did not want you to do that?
- 4 A. That's correct.
- 5 Q. ADT didn't want you to do that?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. ADT didn't want anyone selling ADT products to
- 8 do that, right?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. And you understood that if you did do that, if
- 11 you made unsolicited outbound telemarketing, that would
- be contrary to your agreement with Saveology, right?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. You didn't have any authority to do that,
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. You had no authority to make unsolicited
- outbound telemarketing calls?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- Q. And if you did that you would be acting
- 21 contrary to Saveology's interest, correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. You would be acting contrary to ADT's
- 24 interest, right?
- 25 A. Correct.

- 1 Q. That bottom of that paragraph it says
- 2 "Affiliates may not use prerecorded messages in
- 3 connection with telemarketing services on ADT's behalf."

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- 4 Do you see that? It's at the end of that
- 5 paragraph that we were just looking at.
- 6 A. Yes, I see that.
- 7 Q. And you understood that you were prohibited
- 8 from using prerecorded messages, correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
  - Q. And you weren't to buy any leads that involved
- 11 prerecorded messages, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
  - Q. And if you did that you would be violating
- 14 your contract, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. You had no authority to use prerecorded
- 17 messages in telemarketing, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- Q. And you had no authority to purchase leads
- 20 that were generated using prerecorded messages, correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. And if you did that you would be acting
- contrary to Saveology's interest, right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And you would be acting contrary to ADT's

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- 3 (Ms. Lim entered the proceedings.)
- 4 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- 5 Q. The first paragraph: "Affiliate agrees that
- 6 they will comply with all applicable laws, rules and

Q. Let's take a look and go to the next page of

- 7 regulations of the jurisdictions from and into which the
- 8 affiliates makes calls." Do you see that?
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. You were contractually obligated to follow all
- 11 telemarketing laws, correct?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. And if you didn't follow those telemarketing
- 14 laws you were violating your contract with Saveology,
- 15 right?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- Q. You didn't have authority to do anything other
- than follow the telemarketing laws, correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. And if you did violate those laws you would be
- acting contrary to Saveology's interest, right?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And you would be acting contrary to ADT's
- 24 interest, correct?
- A. That's correct.

- 1 interest, right?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. You would be acting contrary to Paramount's
- 4 interest, right?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Did you have any understanding as to what you
- 7 were permitted to do with respect to ADT's name? Were
- 8 there limits on what you could say?
- 9 A. Yes.

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- Q. What were those limits?
- A. You were not allowed to use ADT's name as if
- 12 the company, you are ADT.
- Q. Because you weren't ADT, right?
- 14 A. No
- Q. And you had no authority to hold yourself out
- 16 as ADT?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Or as associated with corporate ADT, correct?
- 19 A. Correct
- 20 Q. Were there restrictions on your advertisement
- or your marketing with respect to ADT's name?
- A. Yes. You were not allowed to say you were
- 23 ADT.
- Q. Okay. You weren't allowed to say you were
- calling on behalf of ADT, right?

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- 1 A. No.
- **Q.** Because you weren't calling on behalf of ADT?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. And if you made calls suggesting that you were
- 5 calling on behalf of ADT, you had no authority to do
- 6 that, right?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. That would be contrary to Saveology's
- 9 instructions, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- Q. It would be contrary to ADT's instructions,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. It would be contrary to Saveology's interest,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. It would be contrary to ADT's interest,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. I think I asked you this but I'll ask you
- 21 again. Saveology took telemarketing compliance very
- seriously, right?
- A. Extremely.
- Q. And you understood in part that was because
- 25 ADT took that very seriously, right?

- 1 A. There was an ADT scrub list, I believe. It
- 2 had to be scrubbed. Yes, we had to scrub. I apologize,
- 3 it's going back so far.
- 4 Q. I understand.
  - A. Yes. I believe the procedure is every three
- 6 days or every day scrub the list against ADT's Do Not
- 7 Call list. If, to the best of my knowledge, the data
- 8 that provided was, the opt-in information was allowing
- 9 you to call the person back, I believe the federal
- 10 guidelines was seven days.
- Q. Okay. So the federal guidelines put some
- 12 limits on you calling people back for opt-in; is that
- 13 right?

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- 14 A. Correct.
  - Q. But in addition to that Saveology required you
- 16 to scrub --
- 17 A. Scrub it, yes.
- Q. Let me finish my question.
- 19 A. Sorry.
- Q. In addition to those federal guidelines
- 21 Saveology required that before you make any phone call
- 22 you scrub that against ADT's internal Do Not Call list,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. And you followed those procedures, right?

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- 2 Q. And you understood that ADT told Saveology
- 3 you've got to make sure you follow all telemarketing
- 4 laws, correct?

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- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. Did you have -- were you provided with
- 7 telemarketing guidelines?
- 8 A. Yes.
- **9** Q. Did you follow those?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you get any training on them?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. I think you said you didn't make any outbound
- 14 calls unless you were returning a message; is that
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Callbacks.
- Q. And when you made the callbacks were there any
- 18 restrictions on what you could do when you -- or in how
- 19 could you do those? Were there any steps or procedures
- 20 you needed to follow?
- A. I don't recall. When the calls came in all
- 22 the data was posted at the time, and we called them
- 23 back.
- Q. Did you need to do any scrubbing on those
- numbers before you called them?

- 1 A. Yes.
  - Q. And ADT took those procedures very seriously,
- 3 right?

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- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Let's mark this as -- what are we up to, 4?
- 6 COURT REPORTER: Four.
  7 (Defendants' Exhibit No. 4 was marked for
- 8 identification.)
- 9 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- Q. Luckily I brought a lot of copies.
- This is an e-mail. Who is Bruce Cohen?
- A. At the time he was just one of my data
- 13 managers.
- 14 Q. He is somebody that worked with Paramount; is
- 15 that right?
- A. He was just an independent. He wasn't
- 17 employed by Paramount. He was a subcontractor.
- Q. So, but he was working -- he had an agreement with Paramount and was performing work?
- 20 A. Yeah. He was one of those people that knew
- how to technologically do that stuff.Q. Good. And you're copied on this e-mail. It's
- an e-mail from Daphne Fernandes; is she at Saveology?
- 24 A. Yes.
  - Q. And it's to Bruce Cohen, you're copied, right?

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**ADT Security Services** July 26, 2012 Page 45 Page 47 1 A. Yes. 1 A. I don't. Q. But he's the person that you had sort of 2 Q. And it's dated April 13, 2011. 2 A. Yes. direct contact with? 3 3 4 Q. And it's an e-mail to Bruce. In the last 4 A. He was my original contact. After that I got

- paragraph it says "ADT requires all phone numbers that
- require an outbound dial to be scrubbed against the ADT
- DNC." That's the ADT internal Do Not Call list? 7
- A. Yes. 8
- Q. "They do not permit telemarketing and consider 9
- telemarketing any opt-in lead to a home security 10
- officer. Generally, if you have to dial it by your 11
- fingers or a dialer it must be scrubbed prior to 12
- dialing. (keeps all of us out of ADT legal department.) 13
- It has to be scrubbed every 7 days on the same day of 14
- the week for max of 90 days or if state laws requires 15
- stricter guidelines." Do you see that? 16
- A. Yes. 17
- Q. Is that consistent with your understanding 18
- that ADT requires any phone number that you pick up the 19
- phone and dial has to be scrubbed, right? 20
- A. Yes. 21
- Q. They took that very seriously, right? 22
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. I want to follow-up on the some of the 24
- questions regarding your contact with EMI. I think you

- pushed off to, I believe Samantha was her name. 5
- Q. Gotcha. But you never spoke with Chris Long? 6
- 7 A. No.
- Q. So Chris Long would have no idea of the 8
- content of communications with Paramount since you
- didn't have them, right?
- 11 A. To the best of my knowledge.
- Q. No one from Paramount, to your knowledge, had 12
- any conversation with EMI except you; is that right? 13
- A. No. Correct. 14
  - Q. You have to let me finish my question so, she
- is taking down what I say, otherwise, the record gets a
- little mumbled. 17
- 18 A. Sorry.

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- Q. And you said that you found EMI on Craig's 19
- List; is that right? 20
- A. Correct. 21
- 22 Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone at
- 23 Saveology about EMI, prior to that lawsuit involving Jay
- Conner? 24
- A. I don't believe so. 25

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- said you think your initial contact was with Chris Long;
- is that right? 2
- A. Chris Lopez. 3
- Q. Chris Lopez. 4
- A. Yes. 5
- 6 Q. Did you ever speak with a guy named Chris
- 7 Long?
- A. No, I spoke with Chris Lopez. 8
- Q. Is there anyone else at EMI who you spoke to? 9
- A. A girl. I don't know her name. 10
- O. Was it Samantha Omar? 11
- 12 A. I believe so, yes.
- Q. What type of things did you discuss with 13
- Ms. Omar? 14
- A. Call volume. 15
- Q. Okay. What do you mean by that? 16
- A. How many transfers her agents, or whoever's 17
- agents they were, were going to send us for that day. 18
- 19 Billing.
- Q. Got it. 20
- A. Nothing too internal. 21
- Q. It was more ministerial issues with her? 22
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Now, Chris Lopez, do you know what his 24
- position was at EMI?

- Q. So to your knowledge Saveology had no idea
- that you were using EMI; is that right? 2
- A. That's correct. 3
- Q. And certainly since you never talked to anyone 4
- from ADT, ADT had no idea you were using EMI, right?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. I take it then you didn't tell, when you found
- EMI on Craig's List, you didn't tell Saveology that's 8
- 9 how you found them, correct?
- A. Correct. 10
- O. And the initial conversation you had with 11
- Mr. Lopez, I think you said you asked him generally sort 12
- of what they do; is that right? 13
- A. Correct. 14
  - Q. And he told you they were compliant in all
- respects? 16

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- A. Correct.
- Q. Did you do any sort of due diligence on them? 18
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- Q. Did you go to their website or anything or 20
- look them up? 21
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. And I take it sort following up on the earlier
- questions I asked about Craig's List, you never told 24
  - Saveology about what, if any, due diligence you did in

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- hiring EMI if they didn't know you were using them,
- right? 2
- A. Correct. 3
- 4 Q. Same with respect to ADT, they had no idea?
- A. None.
- Q. And I think you said you didn't have a formal
- signed agreement with them; is that right?
- A. No, it wasn't -- there was nothing, you know, 8
- Paramount had nothing contractually with EMI except a
- purchase order. 10
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. Which, you know, at the end of those purchase
- orders at any time you can just stop. 13
- Q. Uh-huh. Did they ever present you with an 14
- 15 agreement and ask you to sign it?
- 16 A. No.
- Q. Did they ever give you anything in writing 17
- sort of saying that, you know, their telemarketing
- compliance guidelines or what they were doing? 19
- A. No. 20
- Q. And you testified earlier your understanding 21
- was that EMI had its own opt-in database with generic 22
- security leads, right?
- A. That was my understanding. 24
- 25 Q. And your understanding was that they were

- contrary to what they told you, right?
- 2 A. Correct.
  - Q. They would have basically lied to you,

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- 4 correct?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. And if, in fact, they were using prerecord
- messages you think that they deceived you, EMI?
  - A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Did you ever give EMI permission to use ADT's
- name? 10
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Did you ever tell them they couldn't use ADT's
- 13
- A. In terms of -- no, I don't know if I -- if I 14
- really understand the question. Did I tell them they 15
- 16 cannot?
- O. Yeah. 17
- A. I'm sure I did. But it's really not my 18
- position to, you know -- everything I knew coming over 19
- was generic. 20
- 21 Q. Right.
- 22 A. And at the time, a generic lead is a generic
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- Q. A generic lead is not a lead that is trying to 24
- 25 sell ADT?

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- A. That's correct. 1
  - Q. So if they were using ADT's name, they didn't
- have any authority to do that, did they?
- A. That's correct.
- Q. They were acting contrary to what they told 5
- you, right?
  - A. That's correct.
- Q. They didn't have any authority to put ADT's
- 9 name in a prerecorded message that they sent out to
- people, right? 10
- A. That's correct. 11
  - Q. That would be completely unauthorized.
- 13 A. Correct.
- Q. Do you know about how many leads you actually 14
- received? How many call transfers you actually received
- from EMI? 16
- A. I don't, off the top of my head, no. But I'm 17
- sure it's somewhere in some of this paperwork here. 18
- Q. Do you recall it being about 9,700? Sound 19
- about right? 20
- A. That's probably a safe number. 21
  - Q. Any idea how many of those transferred into
- 23 actual sales?
- A. I don't. 24
  - Q. Okay. And those that transferred into sales,

picking up the phone and dialing people with a live person talking to another person; is that right?

- A. That's how the call came over, yeah. 3
- Q. Did you ever have any conversations with 4
- anyone at EMI as to whether that was the case that they
- 6 were using live people to make the calls?
- A. Yeah. That's when the original relationship 7
- started. Everything we did -- I was -- the message put 8
- across to me was everything's compliant. We work with a 9
- lot of big -- you know, it really did give me the, We do 10 everything the right way. We work with a lot of the 11
- guys in the industry. We're one of the greatest of 12
- all-times. And that as a new, young business, 13
- Paramount, that gave, you know, a level of 14 comfortability. 15
- Q. They never told you that they were using 16
- prerecorded messages to dial, right? 17
- A. No. 18

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- Q. They never told you specifically where their 19 leads were coming from?
- A. No. You know to -- no. 21
- Q. Other than their own opt-in generic database? 22
- 23 A. Sure.
- Q. Okay. Now, if EMI were, in fact, robo-dialing 24
- people using prerecorded messages, that would be

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- 1 you have no idea what happened to those sales after you
- 2 transferred them over to Saveology?
- 3 A. No. Correct.
- 4 Q. You don't know if they ever went to an ADT
- 5 dealer, correct?
- 6 A. I don't.
- Q. Do you know, are there records that would show
- 8 once you transferred that that sale actually closed with
- 9 the dealer, or somebody else?
- A. No. I don't know, I don't -- the visibility
- 11 for me after the sale is gone.
- Q. Okay. I think you said at some point you got
- a complaint regarding a gentleman named Jay O'Conner?
- 14 A. Jay Conner.
- Q. Do you remember about when that came in?
- A. I think it was sometime in March. I'm not
- 17 100 percent. That's a guesstimate.
- 18 (Defendants' Exhibit No. 5 was marked for
- identification.)BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- Q. I'm showing you an exhibit we've marked as
- 22 Deposition Exhibit 5. It's an e-mail, actually an
- e-mail chain titled at the top "Jay Conner settlement."
- 24 And if you look down the sort of e-mail traffic here
- 25 there's an e-mail from you to Jeremy Torisk and Daphne

1 best of my knowledge here's the opt-in information.

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- 2 Then when I called my counsel he said, it doesn't
- 3 matter. He's either going to -- funny thing in the
- 4 legal system is you can fight and just waste money, or
- 5 you can, you know, and the company wasn't strong enough
- 6 to go through the rounds of a boxing match.
- 7 Q. Gotcha. So you settled it?
  - A. Yeah. My attorney is like I have lot of cases
- 9 and realistically this is what he does.
- Q. And you settled it on behalf of everyone, you
- just got the whole case dismissed; is that right?
- 12 A. Yeah.
  - Q. Did you have any conversations with anyone at
- 14 ADT about that Jay Conner lawsuit?
  - A. No.
- Q. Did you pass it along to anyone at ADT?
- 17 A. No.
- Q. Do you have any knowledge as to whether ADT
- 19 knew about that case or not?
  - A. No.
- Q. But you settled on behalf of everybody, right?
- 22 A. Correct.
  - Q. And you did that on your own?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Now, I think you testified earlier that as a

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- 1 Fernandes. Who is Jeremy Torisk?
- 2 A. He is another Saveology employee.
- Q. Okay. It's dated June 9th, 2011. Take a look
- 4 at this e-mail. It starts out, If you recall we were
- 5 working with a lead provider, American Protection
- 6 Services they were calling all the wrong people after we
- 7 had purchased their leads.
- 8 Is American Protection Services, is that the
- 9 same as EMI?
- 10 A. A lot of these lead providers, whether you're
- 11 selling alarm or whatever the vertical is, they use a
- 12 D/B/A or pseudo name at the time. It could have been.
- 13 I'm not 100 percent.
- Q. Do you recall if you were referring to EMI in
- this e-mail? Take your time and read as of much of it
- as you like.A. I don't recall.
- Q. You just don't recall one way or the other?
- A. It was so long ago.
- Q. I understand. When you got that Jay Conner
- 21 lawsuit, what did you do with it?
- A. I got the -- I got, automatically I got the
- 23 opt-in information. Then I called my attorney, because
- 24 I really did feel that the Jay Conner case was boarder
- line extortion, you know. I felt like, okay, to the

- 1 result of that Jay Conner lawsuit, it raised some
- 2 questions in your mind about EMI?
- 3 A. Sure.
- 4 Q. What did you do as a result of those
- 5 questions?
- 6 A. You know, I did my due diligence and, you
- know, I can't tell a person what another person does.
- 8 All I can go on is what I'm told. So realistically,
- 9 like I said, where there's smoke there's fire, and at a
- certain point after that the relationship is terminated.O. Okay. You terminated them when you had
- 12 questions about what they were doing?
- 13 A. Yeah.
- Q. When did you first find out about this present
- 15 lawsuit, the lawsuit we're here about today?
- A. I believe that was via a subpoena in August.
- 17 I'm not 100 percent on that.
- Q. Okay. What happened next after you got that subpoena?
- A. You know, I got the information. I got this
- 21 subpoena. Paramount was not doing any business. It
- was, you know, more or less out of business. Was out ofbusiness. I gave the -- you know, to the best of my
- 24 ability I gave all the information and, you know, that
- 24 ability I gave all the information and, you know, that
- 25 was it. I really...

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- Q. Let me take you back. How did it come about
- 2 that Paramount went out of business?
- A. Well, you know, like I said, we started in
- 4 2010 and we started telling Protect America. Then we
- 5 started selling ADT. And when we were selling ADT we
- 6 were, you know, barely off the ground. So when you get
- a notice, an official termination notice from Saveology,
- 8 there's nothing left to do.
- 9 Q. Did you have an understanding as to why you got that termination notice?
- A. I had assumed that, you know, being the Jay
- 12 Conner thing had happened. No. I mean, I did, yeah.
- 13 There was a Jay Conner lawsuit I -- I didn't have any
- 14 direct visibility to ADT, so I can't speak on behalf of
- what ADT corporate saw, felt, got, received.
- Q. But did you have an understanding that ADT corporate had told Saveology to cut you off?
- A. I would have -- I didn't -- I would assume.
- Q. Okay. What is your assumption based on? Did
- you have any conversations with anyone?
- A. My assumption is that Saveology doesn't wake
- 22 up one day and terminate someone unless something is
- 23 wrong.

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- Q. Did you have an understanding that the
- 25 termination had something to do with concerns about

- A. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. In responding to the subpoenas in this

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- 3 case have you produced all records that relate in any
- 4 way to the work that you did for Saveology?
- 5 A. Everything that was requested from me that I
- 6 had on hand I produced.
- 7 Q. Do you have records, does Paramount have
- 8 records showing opt-in information for any call that you
- **9** got from EMI?
  - A. Currently?
- 11 Q. Yes.
- 12 A. No.
  - Q. Did it ever?
- A. Yes. When we had a contract with Saveology
- and we were selling ADT, our contract was to keep all
- 16 records and documentation.
- 17 Q. Okay. And when you would get a call from EMI,
- 18 would that include --
- 19 A. The opt-in.
  - Q. -- the opt-in information?
- A. Yes.
- Q. So they would give that to you at the time of
- the call, or how would that work?
- A. Yes. At the time of the call.
- Q. What -- how would they give that to you?

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- telemarketing?
- A. Well, with Jay Conner, you know, settlement
- 3 case behind you, yeah.
- Q. And is that sort of consistent with your
- 5 testimony earlier that ADT had sort of a zero tolerance
- 6 policy for anything remotely problematic with
- 7 telemarketing?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. You testified earlier that Paramount, LLC
- 10 recently dissolved; is that right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- Q. Was that before or after the lawsuit, do you
- 13 know?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know whether anything was done -- I'm
- not a corporate attorney -- but do you know whether
- anything was done in the dissolution process with
- 18 respect to this litigation? Was there any sort of
- 19 reserve made or any sort of contingency made for the
- 20 pending litigation against Paramount?
- A. Reserve? I don't understand.
- Q. Was there any -- I don't know if I understand.
- 23 Was there any kind of accommodations made when you
- 24 dissolved the company for the fact that there's
- presently a lawsuit against Paramount LLC?

- A. They would post it.
- 2 Q. On a computer or something?
- A. Yeah. On a computer.
- 4 Q. Did you have like some computer link with them
- 5 or did they e-mail it to you?
- 6 A. Yeah, they just post it. It's like, send it
- 7 over.
- 8 Q. Okay. And would that opt-in information
- 9 include the IP, like the address that opted in and the
- 10 website and all that stuff?
- A. I'm not 100 percent on that. I couldn't
- answer it properly. They give you the opt-in
- 13 information and the one time, the Jay Conner issue, they
- 14 provided all the information that was relevant.
- Q. Okay. But you don't have any of that data anymore?
  - A. No.

- Q. Do you know where, like what happened to it?
- A. Paramount was gone, you know, it went out of
- 20 business. Anything that was -- every bit of stuff
- 21 pretty much, you know, it's like asking if you have, you
- 22 know, old ties. I just don't keep stuff from businesses
- 23 that fail.
- Q. Gotcha. You never forwarded that information
- to ADT, right?

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- 1 A. No.
- Q. ADT had no control over what you did with that 2
- information, correct? 3
- 4 A. That's correct.
- Q. Is there anyone else that would have that
- information? 6
- A. No. 7
- Q. And that was your decision to, what is the 8
- right word, get rid of it? 9
- A. Paramount's. 10
- Q. Paramount's decision. Okay. And you didn't 11
- tell anybody you were doing that? 12
- A. No. I didn't feel a need to. 13
- Q. I think this was asked earlier, I just never 14
- knew the answer, you were getting leads from other folks 15
- as well? 16
- A. Yes, I believe so. 17
- Q. Do you remember the names of any of those 18
- leads? 19
- A. No, I do not recall. 20
- Q. Pull out Exhibit 3, please. And this is the 21
- affidavit that the plaintiffs' lawyers drafted and 22
- somehow made its way to you? 23
- A. Uh-huh. 24
- 25 MR. SPOONT: Is that a yes?

- 1 A. Okay.
- O. First of all, you didn't have any 2
- conversations with the plaintiffs' lawyers; is that

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- 4 right?
- A. No. 5
- Q. So they didn't -- did you offer to sit down
- 7 with them and talk to them?
- A. I offered to help anyone and everyone in the 8
- 9 case.

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- Q. You took that up with me, you sat down and 10
- gave me truthful answers as to what happened, right? 11
- 12 A. Correct.
  - O. But you didn't sit down with them.
- A. Correct. 14
  - Q. And then this affidavit shows up that is full
- of inaccuracies; is that fair to say? 16
- MR. MCCUE: Objection. 17
  - THE WITNESS: That is fair to say.
- BY MR. BAUGHMAN: 19
- Q. Did you have any sense that there was some 20
- pressure being put on you to sign this affidavit? 21
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  - O. What kind of pressure was being put on you?
- A. I got the feeling that if I sign this people 24
- 25 would leave me alone.

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- Q. So you got the sense that you were being asked 1
- to sign an affidavit that was false and then the 2
- plaintiffs would leave you alone? 3
- MR. MCCUE: Objection.
- BY MR. BAUGHMAN: 5
- O. Is that right? 6
- 7 A. That's how I felt.
- Q. Let's go through some of this. Let's look at
- 9 Paragraph 6 of this draft affidavit that you were asked
- to sign under oath. 10
- A. Uh-huh. 11
- 12 Q. It says "In approximately November 2010, per a
- 13 written agreement, PMG retained Europe Media
- International, Inc., or 'EMI' to use telemarketing to
- generate home security leads that PMG could then sell to
- 15
- Saveology and ADT." Let's start with "per written 16
- agreement." There's no written agreement, right? 17
- A. The only -- an agreement is something that is 18
- binding, isn't it? I don't know, I'm not a lawyer. 19
- There's just a purchase order. I'll buy this from you. 20
- That's it. There's no agreement. 21
  - O. There was no written agreement --
- 23 A. Retained. I didn't retain them. I bought
- something. 24 25
  - Q. That's false?

- THE WITNESS: Yes, I apologize. 1 BY MR. BAUGHMAN: 2
- Q. You said you got this through your lawyer; is 3
- that right? 4
- A. Yeah. 5
- 6 Q. Was there any sort of message sent with this
- affidavit when it made its way to you? 7
- A. At the time Paramount could not afford, as a 8
- 9 company that was defunct, to afford legal counsel. So
- to this day from the beginning of this I have an 10
- outstanding legal bill. And, you know, like, there's 11
- only so much a lawyer will protect you when they don't 12
- get their retainers. 13
- Q. Right. 14
- A. So, as someone who has been my counsel for a 15
- good amount of time, I would say a portion of it became 16
- helping a friend to a point where, you know. So my 17
- attitude is I'm like, I don't know what to say, I've 18
- done everything I can do, and I just felt like people 19
- who kept asking me. And I'm like I've done -- I feel 20
- like I could do everything I possibly could do. I'm 21
- willing to help anyone and everyone but -- and then I 23 got this.

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- Q. I think I didn't maybe ask you the right 24
- question. 25

**ADT Security Services** July 26, 2012 Page 65 Page 67 1 A. Yes. right? 2 MR. SPOONT: Can I get a copy? 2 A. That's correct. MR. BAUGHMAN: Sure. 3 Q. Paragraph 17. "PMG then determined whether 3 4 BY MR. BAUGHMAN: these interested customers were qualified to enter into Q. And then it goes onto say, "to use a home security contract with ADT. Consumers who were 5 deemed 'qualified' by PMG were then transferred to telemarketing to generate home security leads that PMG 6 6 could then sell to Saveology and ADT." You weren't 7 Saveology and ADT." selling leads to ADT, right? You never transferred a single customer to ADT 8 8 ever, right? 9 A. No. 9 Q. So that is also false? A. Correct. 10 10 A. Correct. Q. False, right? 11 11 Q. Paragraph 7. "It was my understanding that 12 12 A. False. the business of EMI was to telemarket via prerecorded Q. Paragraph 23. "EMI assured me that it was 13 13 message." That's false, correct? only sending pre-recorded telemarketing messages to 14 A. Correct. consumers that had consented to receive such calls." 15 15 Q. The opposite is true, right? They didn't tell you they were using 16 16 A. Correct. prerecorded messages, did they? 17 17 Q. You had no idea they were using prerecorded A. No. 18 18 messages, right? Q. False, again. 19 19 A. Correct. A. False. 20 20 Q. Paragraph 8. "It was my understanding that Q. But you were asked to sign under oath? 21 21 when a potential customer was contacted by EMI via 22 22 prerecorded message, the consumer would hear an 23 Q. Paragraph 25. "When PMG received any demand advertisement for an alarm system and if they were letters or lawsuits, Saveology and ADT would be 24 24 interested they would press a button on their notified," right? That's what it says? 25 Page 66 Page 68 telephone." Totally false, right? A. That's what it says. 1 1 A. Correct. Q. You never had a conversation with ADT ever, 2 2 Q. Complete fiction, right? 3 right? 3 A. Correct. A. That's correct. 4 4 Q. You never told the plaintiffs anything like Q. You didn't notify them of demand letters or 5 5 6 that, right? lawsuits, right? A. Never. 7 A. Paramount Media Group had no relationship with 7 Q. But they asked you to sign that under oath, ADT. 8 8 9 right? 9 Q. So Paragraph 25 is also false? A. That's correct. A. Correct. 10 10 O. Paragraph 11. "PMG advised Saveology that it O. What did you do -- strike that. 11 11 was using third parties, such as EMI, to generate home You weren't willing to sign this affidavit, 12 12 security leads for Saveology and ADT." False, right? 13 right? 13 A. No. 14 14 Q. Paragraph 16. "I do not know the exact number Q. And even though you thought that maybe if you 15 15 of prerecorded calls that were made by EMI in order to did plaintiffs would leave you alone you didn't want to 16 16 generate 11,600 leads, but I would estimate that sign it because you didn't think it was true, right? 17 17

leads." Do you see that? 19 A. Yeah. 20

Q. Totally false, right? 21

A. Correct. 22

23 Q. That didn't come from you, right?

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Q. But you were asked to sign it under oath,

millions of calls were made to generate this many

A. That's correct. 18

MR. BAUGHMAN: That's all the question I have. 19

Want to take a break?

MR. LINDSMITH: Yeah. 21

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 10:21.

23 (A brief recess was taken.)

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by, please. This is 24 the beginning of Tape No. 2. We're back on the 25

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**ADT Security Services** Page 69 Page 71 1 record at 10:32. 1 outside? CROSS (RYAN NEILL) 2 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 10:35. BY MR. LINDSMITH: (At 10:35 a.m. a brief recess was taken.) 3 3 4 Q. Mr. Neill, my name again is Quentin Lindsmith. 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record at I'm here as counsel for, what had been known as Eversafe 10:37. 5 is now Safe Streets, but for ease of reference I'll just CROSS (RYAN NEILL) 6 say Eversafe. 7 BY MR. PARONICH: 7 If I understand your testimony your contract Q. Hello, Mr. Neill. My name is Anthony 8 8 Paronich. I'm one of the attorneys who represent the with Saveology was entered into in October of 2010, and your purchase order, what you called your purchase order plaintiffs who have brought claims against ADT in this 10 10 with EMI, if I look at Exhibit 1 was late November 2010; 11 case. 11 12 is that right? 12 I'm going to first talk about this affidavit A. Yes. that has previously been marked as Exhibit 3. 13 13 Do you have a copy there? Q. In your first conversation with Mr. Lopez 14 14 prior to signing that purchase order, did he indicate to 15 15 A. I do. you that he had been fired by Eversafe? Q. I believe you testified earlier, and I would 16 16 A. No. like you to confirm that you and I never had a 17 17 18 O. Did he even reference Eversafe? conversation prior to today, correct? 18 A. No. A. Correct. 19 19 20 Q. So he didn't tell you that two months before Q. And you and I never -- you, however, did have 20 Eversafe had fired him? a conversation with Attorney Baughman, correct? 21 21 22 A. Correct. 22 In Florida? 23 O. I saw your contract with Saveology. In the 23 Ο. time frame we've been talking, did you have any contract A. Yes. 24 24 with Eversafe? Q. About how long ago was that? 25 Page 70 Page 72 A. No. A. I don't recall. It was six months, something 1 1 Q. In terms of the orders that were placed, I 2 like that. 2 think you testified earlier you weren't sure where the Q. He flew down, you guys met? 3 orders went after they were placed; is that right? A. I don't know how he got here. 4 4 A. That's correct. Q. Where did you meet? 5 5 A. We met at my counsel's office, I believe. 6 Q. So is it correct that you didn't know if any 6 went to Eversafe? 7 Q. At Greenspoon Marder? 7 A. Yes. A. That's correct. 8 8 9 Q. Now, you've testified you didn't know that, 9 Q. Speaking of counsel, do you have any knowledge of whether or not I spoke to Robbie Birnbaum? until this Conner thing happened, you were unaware that 10 10 EMI had been using prerecorded phone calls. I take it A. I believe you did. 11 11 Q. Do you have any knowledge of whether or not he 12 that you were, likewise, unfamiliar with their use of 12 13 caller ID numbers? asked me to prepare an affidavit that could perhaps save A. That's correct. I was unfamiliar with -- I Paramount Media Group the time and expense of appearing 14 14

was told one thing, I think I testified earlier, I can't 15 16

determine how someone else, you know, does... Q. I take it, then, you have no knowledge about

17 whether they used some of the same caller ID numbers 18 after you signed the purchase order, the same caller ID 19 numbers they had been using when they were generating 20 leads for Eversafe; you don't know anything about that? 21 22

A. No.

23 MR. LINDSMITH: Thank you. I have no other 24 25

MR. PARONICH: Want to take two minutes

for a deposition? 15

16 MR. BAUGHMAN: Object to form.

17 A. I don't have that information.

BY MR. PARONICH: 18

Q. Do you have any knowledge of whether or not he 19 made edits to this affidavit that's in front of you? 20

A. I believe you sent him -- to the best of my 21

knowledge you sent him the affidavit and he made 22 comments.

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Q. Okay. Great. So, how did Paramount Media 24 Group first get in touch with Saveology?

Case: 1:11-cv-01925 Document #: 282-8 Filed: 07/14/14 Page 20 of 36 PageID #:4047 Vishva Desai v. **ADT Security Services** Page 73 Page 75 1 A. Via phone call. A. Paramount Media Group is the only thing 1 Q. Did you call them? involved in Saveology. 2 2 A. I don't recall, but I assume. 3 Q. Well, I think we talked today extensively 3 4 Q. And you said that Paramount Media Group was 4 about how EMI was involved with Paramount Media Group going to be in the home security business and we'd would who was involved with Saveology? 5 MR. PISANI: Object to form. like to work with you? 6 A. We're in the home security business and we'd 7 MR. BAUGHMAN: Object to form. like to sell ADT. 8 8 A. Correct. Q. Because currently you were selling Protect BY MR. PARONICH: 9 9 Q. We haven't talked about EMI today. America? 10 10 A. (Nodding head.) 11 A. We have spoke about EMI today. The only thing 11 Q. I see. Do you recall how many conversations we spoke about today in direct relationship with 12 12 Saveology was Paramount Media Group. you had prior to entering --13 13 A. No. Q. Did Saveology ever request you to get dialing 14 14 Q. 20, or two or three? 15 15 records from EMI? A. I don't recall. MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 16 16 A. We spoke today, Saveology had no understanding O. No idea? 17 17 A. (Shaking head.) of EMI until there was a problem and then there was a 18 18 Q. Exhibit 2, the Paramount Media Group addendum. termination. 19 19 Exhibit 2. BY MR. PARONICH: 20 20 MR. PISANI: Yes. Q. The Jay Conner lawsuit? 21 21 BY MR. PARONICH: A. Uh-huh. 22 22 O. Please turn to page four. I'm going to be 23 Q. So, did Saveology know you were using any lead 23 referring you to the section that starts with "Upon providers? 24 24 Saveology's request" about halfway through the page. MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 25 Page 74 A. Yes. MR. PISANI: Objection. 1 1

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- MR. BAUGHMAN: Where are you?
- MR. PARONICH: I'm referring to the section 3
- that starts with "Upon Saveology's request" about 4
- halfway down the page at Page 4. 5
- BY MR. PARONICH: 6
- Q. Do you see where the context says that PMG, 7
- the contract says that PMG will promptly provide any 8
- 9 outbound call list or dialer records of calls placed by
- Affiliate within the preceding 24 months? 10
- A. Yes. 11

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- 12 Q. Did Saveology ever request that from you?
- A. Pertaining to what? 13
- Q. Any of your dialers or your dialing records? 14
- A. I believe so. 15
- O. When? 16
- A. I don't have -- I don't recall the dates but, 17
- you know, in terms of Saveology's compliance, anything 18
- they requested they got. 19
- Q. Sure. But you don't remember whether or not 20
- they requested it? 21
- A. I'm sure at times they did. I just don't have 22
- 23 a explicit date and time of a situation.
- Q. Was it your -- was it Paramount Media Group's 24
- call records that they requested? 25

- MR. LINDSMITH: Objection.
- 3 BY MR. PISANI:
  - Q. Prior to the Jay Conner lawsuit?
    - MR. PISANI: Objection; asked and answered.
- 6 MR. BAUGHMAN: Calls for speculation.
  - A. Can you repeat the question?
- BY MR. PARONICH: 8
- 9 Q. Did Saveology know that Paramount Media Group
- was using lead providers prior to the Jay Conner 10
- lawsuit? 11

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- MR. PISANI: Objection as to what Saveology 12
- knew. 13
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 14
- A. Saveology -- I don't even know how -- can you 15
- repeat it one more time? I don't even know how to 16
- answer it. 17
- BY MR. PARONICH: 18
- Q. That's fine. Did Saveology have any -- did 19
- you ever inform Saveology that Paramount Media Group was 20
- using lead providers? 21
- A. Saveology provided Paramount Media Group with 22
- 23 ADT compliance and with Saveology's compliance
- requirements. Without marketing leads you can't sell 24
- 25 anything and that's just a fact.

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O. Sure.

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- A. I was -- my contract with Saveology was to 2 abide by those rules. 3
- Q. I understand that. But did you ever inform 4
- Saveology that you were using lead providers? 5
  - A. I'm sure that's just kind of a common sense
- thing. Did I inform them, hey, I'm using lead 7
- providers? I don't see where your question is. 8
- Q. So your assumption, as someone who is in the 9 marketing business, is that Saveology must have known 10 you were using lead providers. 11
- MR. PISANI: Object to form. 12
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Object to form. 13
- MR. SPOONT: Objection. 14
- THE WITNESS: Saveology's assumption was 15 probably I'm marketing by the guidelines they 16 provide. 17
- MR. PISANI: Objection. Move to strike. 18
- Calls for speculation. 19 MR. BAUGHMAN: Can we have an agreement that 20
- one objection is good for all? MR. LINDSMITH: Thank you. 22
- MR. MCCUE: That's fine with me. 23
- MR. PARONICH: What exhibit are we on? 24
- 25 COURT REPORTER: Number 6.

- out. If someone -- if you have any understanding of
- internet marketing, it's very easy to go onto a website, 2

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- copy the creative, because it's just cutting and 3
- 4 pasting, and then utilize it. That is what was done
- there. 5

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- Q. Do you know why someone would do that? MR. PISANI: Objection.
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- A. Because it makes life easier. 9
  - BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. But it seems like it would be sending traffic 11 12 to your website?
  - A. That's not that -- that is not necessarily
- 14 true.
- 15 Q. Okay. Could you please explain?
- A. Sure. If you turn around and you cut and 16
- paste something, there was never any traffic received to 17
- my website via this -- there was never an explanation 18
- for this. There was never a purchase order for this. 19
- This was -- Paramount never approved this. 20
- Q. I understand that. But this is your website. 21
- A. It was, correct. It was Paramount's website. 22
  - O. Paramount's website. Excuse me. So if
- someone responded to the text message ad, wouldn't they 24
- go to your website?

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- A. I don't know how it would be set up. They 1
  - would have to get to my website. 2
  - Q. Sure. But they could copy, they could take 3
  - this link and they would end up at Paramount's former 4
  - website? 5

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- 6 A. That's correct.
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- BY MR. PARONICH: 8
- 9 Q. But you have no idea how this got sent out?
  - A. No.
- O. Did you investigate? 11
- A. I did, but I mean, how do you find out when 12
- someone is sending traffic to your website which you 13
- 14
- Q. Which you never -- no one visited the website 15
- because of this text message ad? How could --16
- A. No, I never -- this whole situation, I never 17 got anything from it. I was just confused by it.
- Q. Okay. So how did you investigate it? 19
- A. I looked into if I had gotten any leads from 20
- it, and I hadn't. 21
- O. What is it? 22
- 23 A. The website.
- Q. You looked into whether or not you got any 24
  - leads from your own website?

- (Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 6 was marked for
- identification.) 2
- BY MR. PARONICH: 3
- Q. I'll ask the reporter to mark this as Exhibit 4
- 6. It is 5 in the binder. 5
- 6 Mr. Neill, would you please review this e-mail that I'm showing you that the court reporter has marked 7 as Exhibit 6. 8
- 9 Please take your time and review it and let me know when you're ready. 10
- MR. SPOONT: Anthony, do you have another copy 11 of that binder? 12
- MR. PARONICH: I do. We're on Tab 5. 13
- MR. SPOONT: Great. 14
- BY MR. PARONICH: 15
- Q. Have you reviewed that? What is this? 16
- A. What is what? 17
- O. What does this e-mail describe? 18
- A. This e-mail describes a company that took a 19
- creative of my website and, says here, did a text 20 advertising. 21
- 22 Q. Okay. So this was not Paramount Media Group?
- 23 A. Paramount Media did not do that, no.
- Q. Who was it? 24
- A. You know what? I never knew. I never found 25

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A. Yes. On this situation you asked me if I

- investigated it. Not in general, just this situation. 2
- Q. How could you differentiate between this 3
- 4 situation and website traffic in general?
- A. Something one of my old IT guys could have 5
- answered, not me. 6
- Q. So you had your IT personnel investigate if 7
- this text message led to any traffic to your website? 8
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- Q. Who was the IT individual who did that 10
- investigation? 11
- A. At the time I don't know which one of the 12
- people. I had an IT department that would answer 13
- questions like that. 14
- Q. How many were in your IT department? 15
- A. Probably three. 16
- Q. Who were they? 17
- A. One guy's name was Chris. One guy's name was 18
- Rudy. I don't even know. A lot of it was subcontracted 19
- work. I don't know how to do internal web stuff so I 20
- would let people that are professionals do it. 21
- O. Chris who? 22
- A. I think his name was Deesa (phonetic). 23
- Q. Is Chris Deesa a resident of Florida? 24
- 25 A. I don't know where he is now.

1 A. Your questions are confusing. I had, on any

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- follow up call I made, I had a -- I scrubbed them 2
- through, you know, a call list. 3
- 4 Q. Sure.
- A. So they would be getting my call list, 5
- correct? 6
- 7 Q. You scrubbed them through the ADT Do Not Call
- list, correct? 8
- A. Correct. 9
- Q. Because you could not call them if they were 10
- on the ADT Do Not Call list. 11
- 12 A. Correct.
  - Q. But my question is whether or not Saveology
- asked you to go to EMI and obtain their call detail 14
- 15 records?

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- MR. PISANI: Objection to the form.
- MR. SPOONT: Object. 17
  - MR. PISANI: Saveology didn't know about EMI.
- A. Yeah. Saveology had no understanding of EMI. 19
- They didn't know EMI. 20
- BY MR. PARONICH: 21
- Q. So Saveology never asked you to go to any of 22
- your lead providers, which you testified you assumed 23
- they knew about, and obtain any kind of call records, 24
- correct? 25

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- MR. PISANI: Objection.
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection to the form of the
- 3 question.
- MR. LINDSMITH: Objection. 4
  - COURT REPORTER: Wait. Wait.
- 6 A. I assume -- I assumed -- you asked me if
  - 7 Saveology knew I used lead providers. I said yes. I
  - assume that they knew I used lead providers how else 8
  - 9 would you get sales?

Then you kind of went once again and put EMI 10

- in the middle of it where prior to any, you know, Jay
- Conner situation. Sales groups do not say, here, these 12
- are all the lead providers I'm using. It's a 13
- competitive thing. 14
- BY MR. PARONICH: 15
- Q. So, you're saying generally in your experience 16
- as a businessman who does this kind of work you don't 17
- 18 tell the people you work for who you're using to
- generate leads? 19
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- A. The people I work for? 21
- BY MR. PARONICH: 22
- 23 Q. Saveology.
- A. Tell them the lead provider? 24
  - Q. Yes. That's my question.

- Q. How did you get in touch with him? 1
- A. Word of mouth. 2
- Q. How about Rudy's last name? 3
- A. Goda. 4
- Q. Is Rudy a resident of Florida? 5
- 6 A. I would assume so.
- Q. How did you get in touch with Rudy? 7
- A. He just -- I don't know how. You hire 8
- 9 someone, you meet someone.
- Q. Sure. You meet someone before you hire them, 10
- I assume. 11
- A. Sure. 12
- Q. Okay. Okay. So turning back to the contract, 13
- you never -- Saveology never requested that you obtain 14
- EMI call records and provide them to them? 15
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Object to form. 16 A. Can you repeat the question? 17
- BY MR. PARONICH: 18
- Q. Saveology never requested that you provide 19
- them with EMI call records, correct? 20
- A. Well, if I'm scrubbing all my call records 21
- 22 weekly then they're obviously getting them.
- 23 Q. Is that a no? They never requested you to
- obtain EMI's call records? 24
  - MR. PISANI: Objection to the form.

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A. No, you do not tell them the lead provider.

- 2 You follow a guidance of a compliance standard.
- 3 Q. Okay.
- 4 A. Pertaining to each industry.
- 5 Q. Okay. We're on Tab 12.
- 6 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 7 was marked for
- 7 identification.)
- 8 BY MR. PISANI:
- 9 Q. I'm handing you a document that the court
- 10 reporter has marked as Exhibit 7. Would you please read
- 11 that e-mail?
- A. "I'm writing up an agreement for someone
- 13 else --"
- Q. Not necessarily out loud. That's okay.
- 15 A. Okay.
- Q. So perhaps some of the disconnect we're
- 17 experiencing here is because I don't understand the
- 8 industry. Can you explain to me what a sub-affiliate
- **19** is?
- A. A sub-affiliate could be one of many things.
- 21 In this situation it could be someone that either -- let
- me read it one more time.
- Q. Sure. Take your time.
- A. In this situation I would assume that a
- 25 sub-affiliate would be maybe a company I introduced to

- 1 Q. And this is in April 6 of 2011. Paramount was
- 2 still in business at that point, correct?
- 3 A. What month?
- 4 Q. April 6th.
  - A. I don't know if this was coming to the end. I
- 6 can't give you specific dates.
- 7 Q. You don't specifically recall?
  - A. I don't specifically recall, no.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. And I don't even recall if I had ever -- I
- 11 might have. I can't give you 100 percent if I
- 12 introduced people. South Florida is a place where you
- introduce people to people.
- **14** Q. Okay.
  - A. So I can't really speak.
- 16 Q. But, again, so I can understand --
- 17 A. Sure.
  - Q. -- and we can get through this quicker, would
- a lead provider, would you call them a sub-affiliate?
  - A. No.
- Q. No. You would only call them a lead provider?
- A. Correct. If you said I have a great lead
- 23 source, it's a lead source. It's not --
- Q. You would say give me the number.
- 25 A. Sure.

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- 1 Saveology.
- Q. A company you introduced to Saveology? Could
- you give me an example?
- 4 A. YXZ Company down the street sells alarms.
- 5 They want to speak to Saveology about selling ADT.
- 6 Saveology takes it upon themselves to do due diligence
- 7 on the company, meet with them. Sub-affiliate. I'm an
- 8 affiliate, so a sub would be someone else.
- 9 Q. As opposed to someone you hire, wouldn't they just be an affiliate?
- 10 Just be an arribate:
- A. No, because at the end of the day I've got to
- basically book all their sales which I can't do.
- Q. Okay. So, you read this e-mail today that was
- drafted on April 6, 2011, and do you have a specific
- recollection about what this was about?
- A. Probably just introducing people. You know,
- in terms of sales, you're trying to get volume. If
- you're going to do a sub-affiliate would be, hey, here's
- another guy that wants to sell alarm. Meet him, deal
- 20 with him.
- Q. What affiliates did you introduce to
- 22 Saveology?
- A. Through Paramount? None.
- Q. Through Paramount.
- 25 A. Yeah.

- 1 Q. Again, turning back to, this is the contract.
- 2 I believe it's Exhibit 2.
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. We're on page four. You testified today about
- 5 how ADT and Saveology as well as Paramount Media Group
- 6 took compliance very seriously.
  - A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. So do you see in the section of the contract
- 9 that requires PMG to produce -- and now I'm reading --
- any other information required by ADT in any manner
- 11 relating to affiliates, telemarketing guidelines.
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Services.
- 13 BY MR. PARONICH:
- 14 O. Services.
- A. What paragraph is it?
- Q. Down the page. We're on page four, I think.
  - A. Here? Okay. Affiliate agrees --
- 18 Q. Right here.
- **19** A. Okay.
- Q. Do you see that?
- 21 A. Yes. Yes.
- Q. You testified today about how you would
- 23 produce opt-in information, and I think you specifically
- 24 referenced Jay Conner?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. Would you -- were you asked to produce any 2 other information other than what you've testified about today? 3
- 4 MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- A. I don't recall. I mean, your questions are a 5
- little bit more confusing. You're asking me if I was
- ever asked to provide information on --
- BY MR. PARONICH: 8
- Q. In any manner relating to the affiliates 9
- telemarketing guidelines which is Paramount Media Group? 10
- 11 MR. BAUGHMAN: I object. He's testified to a number of different things and your initial 12
- question made it sound like you were just talking 13
- about one. So I think the question is misleading, 14
- 15 but...
- BY MR. PARONICH: 16
- O. I'll move on. That's fine. 17
- How would you get the opt-in information that 18 you produced to Saveology? 19
- A. From? From my lead provider? 20
- Q. Yes. 21
- A. It comes in with the lead. 22
- O. So again, I'm just trying to understand, does 23
- it appear on the computer in front of the agent, your 24
- 25 agent?

1 Q. Okay. So then when the Jay Conner complaint

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- comes in, I read these documents and it's very clear 2
- 3 that you tried to take compliance seriously, what is
- 4 your first step?
  - A. I needed the opt-in information.
- Q. And how do you get that? 6
- 7 A. I requested it from EMI at the time.
  - Q. I see. Did you do that via e-mail?
- A. No, I probably did it on the phone. 9
  - Q. And would they send it to you via e-mail?
- 11 A. Yeah, I assume so.
- Q. Do you know if you produced any of those 12
- e-mails in this litigation? 13
- A. I produced everything I had. 14
  - Q. But do you know if you produced any e-mails
- from EMI giving you opt-in information that you 16
- requested? 17
  - A. I believe I've seen it in the paperwork here,
- yes, on one of the e-mails to Saveology. 19
  - Q. And who at EMI was that e-mail from?
- A. I don't recall who it was at that time. I 21
- know I request it, I get it. 22
  - O. Probably either Samantha or Chris Lopez?
- MR. SPOONT: Objection. 24
- 25 MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.

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- - BY MR. PARONICH:
  - Q. No idea? 3
  - 4 A. No idea.
  - Q. So this Jay Conner complaint came in. At that 5
  - time did Saveology ever say we need to do an audit of
  - 7 Paramount Media Group's practices?
  - 8 A. They said you need to terminate the

MR. PISANI: Objection.

- 9 relationship immediately.
- Q. You need to terminate the relationship 10
- immediately, not Saveology's terminating Paramount Media 11
- Group? 12
- A. I believe after that is when the termination 13
- for Paramount occurred. 14
- O. You believe Paramount was terminated in 15
- April of 2011? 16
- A. No, I didn't say that. I said after that 17
- situation I believe is when it was terminated. 18
- Q. But you don't recall when it was? 19
  - A. No. We're going back two years. I mean, a year and a half.
- Q. Okay. So Saveology never said you need to 22
- 23 come have a meeting with us and we need to talk about
- what is happening over at Paramount Media Group because 24
- this is important to us? 25

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- Q. And so John Smith is calling from EMI and we 2
- have Theresa Jones on the phone who wants ADT.
- A. Wants an alarm system, correct. 4
- Q. They just say an alarm system? 5
- 6 A. I'm not the guy who answers the phone, but it
- was, the understanding was it's a generic alarm sale. 7
- 9 start selling Protect America if they were saying ADT?

That's the same reason I started selling -- how would I

- Q. I'm just trying to understand. 10
- A. I'm just trying to help you out. 11
- 12 Q. Okay. Thank you. So then it appears on the
- 13 screen -- what appears on the screen?
- A. Name, phone number, e-mail address. I'm not 14
- 100 percent sure if the opt-in, but it was always 15
- available. You know what I mean? Because it is someone 16 else's data. 17
- Q. Yeah, I'm trying to understand, so --18
- A. Date, time stamp. 19
- Q. -- you're not sure if the opt-in information 20
- appeared in the initial transfer? 21
- A. Not 100 percent. I'm pretty sure it did. 22
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. I'm not one 100 percent. I'm being 24
- speculative.

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- 1 MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- 2 A. Paramount Media Group, prior to the Jay Conner
- situation, was doing everything that it understood to 3
- 4 the best of its knowledge complying with. What other
- people do really doesn't have relevance, you know, on
- me, because people tell you you do something right, to 6
- this day, I don't know what EMI did. 7
- Q. Sure, I understand that. But I guess the 8
- issue I'm having is that you all took compliance very
- seriously and you know Saveology took it extremely 10
- 11 seriously?
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. So wouldn't you want to do some extensive due 13
- diligence on what EMI is doing if they're your lead 14 15 provider?
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 16
- A. I did. I got the opt-in information. 17
- BY MR. PARONICH: 18
- Q. I mean -- I'm sorry. Finish. 19
- A. Before, you mean? 20
- Q. I meant before entering into the relationship 21
- with them. 22
- 23 A. Well, let me ask you --
- Q. Just try to answer my question. I know it's 24
- 25 difficult.

- BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. This is a new one. Take your time. It's an 2
- e-mail trail, so it's two pages. Tab 17. 3
- 4 Have you had an opportunity to review this?
  - A. Yeah.
  - Q. It's a long e-mail chain. So this is an
- e-mail -- the first e-mail is from Daphne who was at
- Saveology, correct? 8
- A. Uh-huh. 9
  - Q. Was she your main contact at Saveology?
- A. Yeah. 11
- 12 Q. To you on February 28, 2011 with the subject
- line "please call me." And it says, "Good morning, 13
- Ryan. Please read the below that we received from legal
- ADT legal Friday night. Please call me when you get in 15
- as I have to answer ADT." 16
- A. I think I'm missing a page. 17
- Q. It's right there. 18
- A. Okay. Okay. 19
  - Q. Are you with me now?
- A. Yeah. 21
- Q. Now we're going on to the second page. This 22
- is Daphne saying "This is an e-mail from ADT. I was 23
- told that you manage the Saveology relationship. 24
- Apparently, there has been a complaint about a marketing

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- A. The question is -- everything they were doing 1 to this opt-in information, your own general alarm data 2
- was compliant. The situation here is I had no knowledge 3
- of the other things that occurred at EMI. 4
- Q. So they told you that -- EMI told you we abide 5
- 6 by all guidelines and that's where your investigation or
- due diligence ended? 7
- A. Yes. Someone -- if you do business with 8
- 9 another company, you know, you buy things from them,
- you -- sure, provide opt-in information. I'm providing, 10
- by what you believe in this, is the right thing to do, 11
- and you get, you know, blindsided. 12
- Q. So, is it your memory that the Jay Conner 13
- issue was the first telemarketing complaint Paramount 14
- Media Group had? 15
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 16
- BY MR. PARONICH: 17
- O. You can answer. 18
- 19 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Sure. It was a long time ago. 20
- A. Sure. 21
- 22 O. Tab 17.
- (Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 8 was marked for 23
- identification.) 24
- THE WITNESS: Which one are we on now? 25

- partner they use to sell ADT products. Please read complaint below. Can you ask Saveology (1) to confirm
- 3 whether or not they use them, and if they do, (2) to
- forward Paramount the complaint and ask them to respond
- accordingly (provide their response to ADT), and lastly, 5
- could you ask Saveology to produce a copy of the 6 7
  - agreement with Paramount, thanks."

And I'm still reading, "below is a more in

- 9 depth description of what folks are experiencing from
- calls by this company working with Saveology. I got 10
- another call from these guys this morning. (they have 11
- been trying me multiple times a day) The call rep said 12
- 'this is Dan with ADT Home Security.' I spoke with his 13
- supervisor. He confirmed they were with Paramount Media 14
- Group of Boca Raton, Fl. I asked if they were working
- with ADT corporate or a dealer and he said they are a 16
- partner of Saveology. Saveology gives them lists to 17
- call. So even though I told Saveology to put me on the 18
- DNC list, my name still got sent over to their 19
- partner" -- and we'll stop there. 20

Again, this is in February of 2011. What is 21

- 22 your memory of this complaint?
- 23 A. My memory of this complaint is just speaking to someone that didn't want us calling back his 24
- information, which we had got. 25

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- 1 Q. That happens.
- A. I spoke with him. I made him happy. And if 2
- you went on to the 1-800 notes you'll see I addressed it
- properly. I told Daphne. I felt everything I was doing
- was in compliance. I put him on the ADT call list, and
- on 1-800 notes he goes onto say how nice of a guy I was
- dealing with it. 7
- Q. I have not read the 800 notes site so do you 8
- mind explaining to me what that's about? 9
- A. No. I mean -- explaining 1-800 notes? 10
- Q. This specific site. 11
- A. Well, it's just one of those sites that when 12
- people get bored they blog on. 13
- Q. When people get bored they blog? It's a blog? 14
- A. Yes. Are you familiar with what blogging is? 15
- Q. So, on this site someone blogged about you? 16
- A. Yeah. My company, not me. 17
- 18 Q. But they said what a nice guy you were?
- A. Correct. Because I called back and I said, 19
- you know, we received your lead via an opt-in. You had 20
- either called and requested a generic home security. My 21
- company followed up. He obviously didn't want us 22
- following up. I took the call. I notified Saveology. 23
- And I spoke with the client. I put him on the DNC list 24
- both with ADT, within our company, and everybody was 25

- that time?
- 2 A. A multitude of people.
  - O. Who?
- 4 A. I don't recall. I know -- in February?
  - Q. Yeah, February of 2011.
- A. EMI was one of them. I don't really remember
- 7 the list of alarm people.
  - Q. So the only lead source that you remember as
- we speak today from this time period is EMI? 9
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Did you call EMI when this complaint came in, 11
- 12 because it seemed serious?
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- A. This complaint wasn't formal. This complaint 14 15 was the guy wanted a conversation with the supervisor.
- Q. Sure. But it seems like someone messed up by 16 contacting him, right? 17
  - MR. PISANI: Objection.
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 19
- A. No, not by law. It's a follow-up. He called 20
- in. I called back. The time he was scrubbed, he said I 21
- don't wish to get a call. I then went to Paramount's 22
- 23 procedure, DNC with ADT, DNC with Paramount, end of situation. 24
- Q. That was the end of the situation. Okay. 25

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- Q. Okay. So, your -- the call rep for Paramount 2
- Media Group -- I'm reading from the e-mail -- said this
- is Dan with ADT Home Security. Is that how you greeted
- customers? 5
- 6 A. No. If you look at the next sentence. Spoke
- with supervisor. He confirmed that this is Paramount 7
- Media Group of Boca Raton. The concept of an angry 8
- 9 customer who's saying doesn't want a call, speculating
- that one of my reps said this is ADT, I can't even address that, because my reps were trained thoroughly in 11
- their training that this is Paramount Media Group. 12
- Q. Okay. That's what I wanted to clarify. Your 13
- reps were told --14
- A. Yeah, 100 percent. 15
- Q. I know it's hard, but just wait for me to 16
- finish even if you already know the answer. 17
- A. No problem. 18
- Q. So you think whoever drafted this e-mail that 19
- got forwarded to you is just an angry blogger? 20
- A. I think at the time of this, yes. I think 21
- they were angry. After they spoke to a supervisor, 22
- 23 myself, they weren't angry.
- Q. Okay. And this is in, again, this is February 24
- of 2011. And so, who were you getting leads from at

- So when you entered, when Paramount Media Group entered into the contract with Saveology, what was
- your understanding of the relationship between ADT and 3
- Saveology? 4
- A. How would I have an understanding? 5
- 6 Q. I don't know. I'm asking you.
- 7 A. It's above my pay grade.
- Q. But you knew you were marketing the ADT 8
- 9 product?

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- A. I knew I had guidelines specifically to
- follow, which Paramount did to the best of its ability, 11
- and what happened was this one situation terminated that 12
- relationship. 13
- Q. So this situation terminated the relationship? 14
- A. No. No. The Jay Conner. 15
- O. Okay. 16
- A. That's what I understood. I don't know the 17
- internals of ADT. I don't know the internals of 18
- Saveology. I was a managing member of Paramount. 19
- That's all I can really speak for. 20
- Q. Okay. So you, if I'm understanding your 21
- testimony correctly, you had no idea what the 22
- 23 relationship between ADT and Saveology was?
- A. How would I? 24
  - Q. I don't know. I'm just trying to ask

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- 1 questions.
- A. The answer is no. No.
- Q. Okay. Again, I know a lot of people have
- 4 asked you questions today, so I apologize.
- 5 A. It's okay.
- 6 Q. Your contact at EMI, now I'm remembering, is
- 7 Chris Lopez?
- 8 A. Most of the time I believe it was Samantha and
- 9 Chris, yes.
- Q. Samantha Omar; is that about right?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And you would correspond with them regularly
- **13** e-mail?
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- A. Most of it was verbal.
- 16 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. Most of it was verbal? What would you talk to
- 18 them about?
- 19 A. Volume of calls.
- 20 Q. So, again, I apologize, I don't understand the
- 21 ins and outs, but how would you make an order with them?
- A. You have a transfer service.
- Q. Every single time that you bought leads from
- **EMI** there was a transfer service order?
- 25 A. Yeah.

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- 1 they would send you a transfer service order?
- 2 A. Uh-huh.
  - Q. And then the calls came in; that's how the

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- 4 whole thing works?
  - A. Uh-huh.
- 6 Q. Again, I'm afraid this might be a repeat, but
- 7 you had no idea that EMI was sending robocalls,
- 8 prerecorded messages?
- 9 A. No.
- Q. And your basis for that is because when a call
- 11 came into the Paramount Media Group center it was a live
- 12 person saying they had a potential customer for you.
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection; mischaracterizes his testimony.
  - A. No. My basis for that was on the opening
- 16 relationship with EMI, which was verbal, said I'm doing
- everything compliantly and properly.
- 18 Q. Okay. And when EMI called you with a
- 19 potential lead internally did Paramount Media Group
- 20 refer to these as inbound calls?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And then you tried to sell a customer and make
- 23 money, right?
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And you had between ten and 18 sales agents,

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- or is that total employees?
- 2 A. Probably employees. Sales agents are tough to
- 3 keep around.
- 4 Q. What was the turnover like on sales agents?
- 5 A. You know, I probably had a core couple of
- 6 people

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- 7 Q. Do you remember any of your sales agents from
- 8 Paramount Media Group?
- 9 A. I remember their names, a couple of them.
  - Q. Could you give me another?
- 11 A. Christine Anderson. Nick Faller.
- 12 Q. Turnover was high?
- 13 A. No, I mean --
- 14 Q. No?
- 15 A. The turnover was pretty -- for the tenure of
  - 16 time Paramount was in business, it had the core four or
- 17 five people, and then, you know, an additional five or
- 18 six reps on the phone. To be very frank, I tried not to
- 19 get to know my sales people. I tried to put my managers
- 20 in place and....
- 21 Q. Sure. Okay. Did any of the sales agents who
- ${f 22}$  worked for you at the Paramount Media Group work for you
- at the Altitude Group?
- 24 A. No. No.
  - Q. Okay. Is it the Altitude Group?

- Q. Okay. And have you produced those?
- A. I produced what I have. It's not something I
- 3 keep around, or to be honest with you, with any lead
- 4 provider take very seriously. They feel it's their

Q. Pay and move on? I understand that.

- 5 security. It has nothing to do with me.
- 7 A. They got their money.
- 8 Q. I'm sure. Do you remember if this was
- **9** e-mailed over to you or faxed?
- MR. BAUGHMAN: What?
- MR. PARONICH: The transfer service order.
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Exhibit what?
- 13 BY MR. PARONICH:
- **14** O. Exhibit 1.
- A. I'm sure a little bit of both.
- Q. You don't remember?
- 17 A. No. I mean, probably both.
- Q. Okay. And you believe that you produced every
- transfer service order that you have?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Do you remember how often you'd get one
- 22 of these?
- A. I don't remember. Sometimes maybe biweekly.
- Q. Okay. And would it be -- would you call Sam
- or Chris and say, I want another X amount of leads and

Page 105 Page 107 1 A. Yes. this all started you guys asked for information. I gave Q. Was the Altitude Group in existence while you, to the best of my ability, all the information I 2 2 Paramount Media Group was doing business? could find. 3 3 4 A. I'd have to look that up for you. 4 Q. Sure, and I appreciate that. But right now as Q. Okay. Do they do similar -we sit here do you know what this document is? 5 5 A. No. A. No. 6 6 7 They do not? 7 Q. If I suggested to you that it was entitled EMI Q. A. No. inbounds when you produced it, would that refresh your 8 8 Q. What does the Altitude Group do? memory as to what it is? 9 9 A. Marketing. Helps companies with marketing. A. No. 10 10 Q. Okay. Just, again, because I'm uninitiated, I 11 Q. Okay. Well, let's take a look at it. 11 think of both of these things as marketing. How does it MR. SPOONT: Is this document incomplete? 12 12 differ from Paramount Media Group? MR. PARONICH: Yes, it is about 250 pages so 13 13 A. Paramount Media Group's marketing was 14 14 this is -salespeople. Altitude Group is not with salespeople. 15 15 MR. MCCUE: An excerpt. Q. Okay. Is it with companies directly? MR. PARONICH: An excerpt from the EMI 16 16 A. Yeah. inbounds native. 17 17 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you another document. MR. LINDSMITH: Is there a cover first page 18 18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 9 was marked for that would show it's EMI inbounds? 19 19 identification.) MR. PARONICH: This is the fist page, so, no. 20 20 BY MR. PISANI: MR. BAUGHMAN: I'm going to lodge an objection 21 21 Q. Tab 7, everyone. 22 to this line of questions on the document because 22 it's incomplete and there's no foundation, because 23 I'm showing you what the court reporter has 23 marked as Exhibit No. 9, again, for everyone else it is he hasn't testified to what it is. 24 24 25 Tab 7. 25 MR. PISANI: He testified he doesn't know what Page 106 Page 108 MR. BAUGHMAN: Anthony, what is this? It's it is. 1 1 not Bates numbered. BY MR. PARONICH: 2 2 MR. PARONICH: It's not Bates? 3 Q. So you have no idea what it is? 3 MR. BAUGHMAN: It's not. A. You just handed me a list of names, phone 4 4 BY MR. PISANI: numbers, and dates. I mean... 5 5 Q. It's an Excel spreadsheet that is entitled EMI 6 6 O. And if I wanted to talk to about an Excel inbounds that Mr. Neill and Paramount Media Group 7 spreadsheet labeled EMI inbounds that Paramount Media 7 produced. Group produced, would you know what that is? 8 8 9 MR. BAUGHMAN: So it was produced in 9 A. I don't recall. Anything I've given to you is what you requested. electronic form? 10 10 MR. PARONICH: It was. Q. Okay. I appreciate that. 11 11 MR. LINDSMITH: Who produced it? 12 MR. LINDSMITH: If there's a document labeled 12 MR. PARONICH: Mr. Neill and Paramount Media EMI inbounds, how is it labeled? 13 13 Group. And it was produced in PDF form originally, MR. PARONICH: The file name is EMI inbounds. 14 14 and then you all should have it in native form, as MR. PISANI: That is a general file that this 15 15 well. is an excerpt from? 16 16 MR. PARONICH: Yes. BY MR. PARONICH: 17 17 Q. You do have that? MR. SPOONT: Are you suggesting that he 18 18 A. (Nodding head.) produced this document, or someone else did? 19 19 Q. Do you want to review it or do you know what MR. PARONICH: His attorneys produced it. 20 20 that is? MR. SPOONT: Was it Bates labeled? 21 21 A. What would you like me to review? MR. PARONICH: I think the PDF form, which was 22 22

Q. Take a look at the document itself and just --

A. I do recognize the document. I'm sure when

-- I'm assuming, do you recognize the document?

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illegible was Bates'd in the native format, which

this is, was not. I'll take this back and we'll

avoid it. That is fine. You should keep this.

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It's already been labeled as an exhibit.

- 2 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. So EMI leads come in. How does Paramount
- 4 Media -- did Paramount Media Group keep track of the
- leads that EMI was sending so they would know how muchto pay?
- 7 A. In terms of revenues?
- 8 O. Yes.

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- **9** A. We got a sheet sent to us.
- Q. The sheet like the transfer service order?
- 11 A. No. Pay whom?
- 12 Q. EMI.
- A. No. You paid them. They gave you what they
- 14 gave you.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- A. You got to a certain amount and then you paid
- them again if you wanted more.
- Q. So my question is who would keep track of that
- 19 certain amount?
- A. At the time I believe I had a system that
- 21 could count it.
- Q. A computer system?
- 23 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you remember the name of that system?
- 25 A. I don't.

- 1 A. Is Saveology, at the time was the portal. You
- 2 put the sale in. You sell it, put it in and they let
- 3 you know whether it installs or not.
- 4 Q. I see. So Saveology takes care of installing
- 5 the customer?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. So is there any written contract between the
- 8 customer and Paramount Media Group?
- 9 MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- 10 A. No.
- 11 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. Okay. And so how often were you paid by
- 13 Saveology?
- A. The date's right here. Weekly.
- 15 Q. Every week. And would you get an e-mail every
- 16 week reflecting how much you were going to get paid, or
- would a transfer show up? How were you paid?
  - A. Yeah.

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- Q. Yes, you would get an e-mail every week?
- A. Yeah, I believe so.
- O. At the bottom of the document there is a cell
- that says "low Beacon percentage." What is that?
  - A. Low Beacon percentage means percentage of
- 24 customers that are under a certain Beacon score.
- Q. What is a Beacon score?

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- 1 Q. Okay. Tab 10.
- 2 MR. BAUGHMAN: Ten is ten?
- 3 MR. PARONICH: Yes.
- 4 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 10 was marked for
- 5 identification.)
- 6 BY MR. PARONICH:
- 7 Q. Mr. Neill, do you recognize this document?
- 8 A. I believe I do.
- **9** Q. And what do you recognize it as?
- 10 A. Revenue. PMG revenue.
- O. From who?
- 12 A. Saveology.
- Q. So these payments, your understanding is these
- 14 payments, this document reflects payments made from
- 15 Saveology to Paramount Media Group?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- Q. All for leads?
- A. Paramount did not provide leads to Saveology.
- 19 Sales.
- Q. Sales, I'm sorry.
- 21 A. Sales.
- O. How does a lead become a sale?
- A. We sell it. We put it in the portal, the
- 24 Saveology portal, lead tracks.
- O. Lead tracks is?

- 1 A. Your credit score.
  - Q. So did you get paid a different amount of
- 3 money for different Beacons?
- 4 A. Correct.
- 5 Q. Presumably less money for lower Beacons?
- 6 A. Correct.
- 7 Q. So after -- Paramount Media Group never sold
- 8 Protect America installs to Saveology, correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
  - Q. Only ADT?
- 11 A. That's correct.
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Object to form.
- 13 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. So, all of these payments are for ADT
- 15 installations?
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. What do you mean?
- ADT installations is not defined, but -- objection.
- 18 A. To the best of my knowledge all of these
- 19 payments are for ADT.
- 20 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. And is this all of the amount that you --
- excuse me. Strike that.
- Would these payments represent all the monies
- you received from Saveology? Let me clarify. Were they
  - just for ADT products or did you also sell anything else

**ADT Security Services** Page 113 Page 115 to Saveology? BY MR. PARONICH: MR. PISANI: Object to the form. 2 2 Q. What was your overhead like at Paramount Media MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 3 Group? 3 4 A. These payments are relating, to the best of my 4 A. High. Q. High? knowledge, ADT. 5 BY MR. PARONICH: A. Yeah. Sales agents. Rent. 6 6 Q. Okay. And at the bottom of the document, I 7 O. Rent? 7 don't have it in front of me, cell -- row 48 it says A. Electric. I mean, I don't question whether 8 8 "paid to date." And then it says "2990." Those are people's pay rates are high. 9 installations that go in the ground? Q. Sure. Understood. I didn't mean to offend 10 10 MR. BAUGHMAN: The what? 11 you. 11 BY MR. PARONICH: A. No, you didn't. For a company that, you know, 12 12 Q. That go in the ground, the alarms that get it's -- I don't know. Look at a lot of companies. You 13 13 installed? think Apple's revenue is high? 14 14 A. Correct. Q. So on the column pay date, it starts on row 15 15 four, the last date is October 14, 2011. Q. Okay. What is a change or charge-back, which 16 16 is in the next row over? 17 17 A. A charge-back would be, once again my 18 Q. Did Paramount Media Group work with Saveology 18 visibility is limited, if you go out and you install all through that date, through October 14, 2011? 19 19 a -- to my recollection of ADT sales -- ADT sells A. I can't answer that. I don't have the 20 20 something called a 3-2-1, which is three-point of information in front of me. 21 21 Q. That's okay. After the Jay Conner lawsuit contacts, two motion detectors and one panel. If 22 22 came in you got rid of EMI? 23 someone gets to the home and says, well, I want two 23 motion detectors, you know, they're going to say, okay, A. Uh-huh. 24 24 they're going to take that additional equipment value 25 Q. There are a substantial number of -- there are Page 114 Page 116 from an affiliate. sales after that date. What did you use for a lead 1 Q. So is it another way Paramount Media Group provider? 2 2 loses a little money on the sale? MR. SPOONT: Objection. 3 3 A. Well, I would assume every party involved MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 4 4 would. MR. SPOONT: It's not sales. 5 5 Q. Sure. MR. PISANI: Objection. 6 6 A. Yeah, I mean, I guess. 7 A. I had said earlier I don't recall what lead 7 Q. So then, again, in that same row 48, we just providers I was using. 8 8 went over the number of low beacons and total amount 9 9 BY MR. PARONICH: paid. O. After EMI? 10 10 A. The one I remember because lead providers A. Uh-huh. 11 11 Q. It says \$1,335,525.22, correct? aren't something -- you know, it's just a lead provider. 12 12 A. Uh-huh. Q. So throughout the life of Paramount Media 13 13 Q. Does that sound about right to you? Group the only lead provider that you recall today is 14 14 MR. BAUGHMAN: Sound about right? EMI? 15 15 MR. PISANI: Object to the form. MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 16 16 A. To the best of my knowledge. 17 17

A. That's what the sheet says, yeah. BY MR. PARONICH: 18 Q. Sure. So that is just, in 2011 Paramount 19

Media Group received over \$1.3 million from Saveology? 20

A. Correct. 21

Q. That seems like a lot of money. 22 23 MR. PISANI: Objection.

MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 24 25

Q. How did those work? 24 A. It's basically a production reward. If you do 25

A. To the best of my knowledge.

volume bonuses from Saveology?

BY MR. PARONICH:

A. Yes.

MR. BAUGHMAN: That he can name?

Q. Would Paramount Media Group ever receive

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- well, obviously, if someone sells a product and you're
- selling five, well the value isn't as much as if you're 2
- selling 50 or 100. 3
- 4 Q. Sure.

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- A. So it's probably, to the best of my knowledge
- from a business owner a margin differential.
- Q. Sure. And did you know what number of
- installs Paramount Media Group had to hit in order to 8
- get the volume bonus? 9
- A. I don't recall off the top of my head. I 10
- mean, the volume bonus, you're talking ten, 15-dollars 11
- to whatever member. So it's nominal. 12
- O. Ten, 15-dollars per extra install? 13
- A. Per install, something like that. I don't 14
- recall the arrangement. I recall saying that, you know, 15
- I need to increase revenues to keep up with hard costs 16
- and labor costs. And they, as I got tenured in the 17
- business and I did a little more and a little more and 18
- that was obviously the objective. 19
- Q. Okay. I see. You don't recall who American 20
- **Protection Services was?** 21
- A. No. I don't recall whether that was --22
- through everything I don't recall if that was a pseudo 23
- name of EMI or it was another one of our providers. 24
- 25 Q. And so, I'm assuming you didn't -- you don't

1 Q. Did Paramount Media Group stop selling Protect

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- 2 America after you had talked to Saveology about selling
- for them? 3
- 4 A. I believe so, yes.
  - Q. And so then for most of the duration of
- Paramount Media Group it sold Saveology?
- MR. PISANI: Object to the form.
  - A. I'm not 100 percent on that answer.
- BY MR. PARONICH: 9
- Q. Besides Protect America and Saveology, did 10 Paramount Media Group sell to anyone else? 11

MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection; asked and answered. 12

- A. I believe I already answered. I believe I 13
  - already answered that. I believe the answer is no. Q. Okay. So, I'm going to show you a document
- 15 that was produced by your counsel. Everyone, it's Tab 16 17

(Plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 11 was marked for identification.)

BY MR. PARONICH:

Q. Would you please read that over? 21 MR. BAUGHMAN: What is this, 11 or 12? 22

MR. PARONICH: Exhibit 12.

BY MR. PARONICH: 24

Q. Have you had a chance to review the e-mail?

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- remember anyone you talked to at American Protection
- Services? 2

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- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. 3
- A. No, I don't recall. 4
- MR. PARONICH: Let's take a short break. I 5
- 6 might be done.
  - MR. BAUGHMAN: Okay.
- (At 11:27 a.m. a recess was taken.) 8
- 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record
- at 11:35. 10
- BY MR. PISANI: 11
- Q. Mr. Neill, welcome back. 12
- A. Thank you. 13
- Q. When Paramount Media Group began, the first 14
- company that they sold leads for was Protect America,
- correct? 16
- A. I believe that's correct. 17
- Q. And when did Paramount Media Group begin? 18
- A. I believe in October; September, October. I 19
- don't have the exact date. 20
- Q. Of 2010? 21
- A. Yes. 22
- 23 Q. And how long did Paramount Media Group sell
- Protect America for? 24
- A. I don't recall. 25

- Q. I apologize if you've already been asked this, 2
- but who is Reid Shapiro? 3
- A. Reid Shapiro, I believe, is one of the
  - partners at Saveology.
- Q. Okay. The e-mail is dated April 20, 2011. It
- 7 says, "Ryan, please read the e-mail below. Are you
- working with a lead provider called American Protection
- 9 Services? They have been calling an ADT high level
- person for several months now, who has repeatedly been
- asked to be put on the DNC list. Let me know your 11 findings. 12

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"It is also wise to remove any 303-306-XXXX numbers from any of your dialing efforts - this area code and 1st 3 numbers are more than likely ADT employees that you are dialing.

"Please provide me with the opt-in information for this number below to show why this consumer would be receiving calls from any of your transferring centers."

Do you remember this complaint?

A. There's no person there complaining. It's 21

just saying read the e-mail below. "I received a near 22 daily telemarketing" -- no, I don't recall this 23

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  - Q. Do you recall getting the instruction from

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- Saveology to remove these numbers from your dialingefforts?
- A. Well, are you asking about right here?
- 4 Q. The 303 numbers, yes.
- 5 A. It says that in the e-mail. It's not
- 6 something that is on the top of my head.
- 7 Q. So do you remember if you, in fact, removed
- 8 those numbers from your dialing efforts?
- A. I don't remember that. If you read this part
- 10 here it says "it is also wise." It doesn't mean
- 11 formally you can't dial that area code.
- Q. Okay. But the likelihood of reaching an ADT
- employee didn't prompt you to say we should follow thissuggestion?
- A. I'm sure if, at the time, and once again, I'm
- not 100 percent, I couldn't give you a proper answer on that. I don't really recall.
- Q. Okay. Would Daphne often send you e-mails
- with, it seems like further guidelines such as this,
- 20 suggestions for your dialing efforts?
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- MR. PISANI: Objection.
- 23 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. Let me strike that. Would Daphne often send
- 25 you e-mails with suggestions for your dialing efforts?

- 1 Q. You also testified today that the only lead
- 2 provider that you can remember is EMI, correct?
  - MR. PISANI: Objection.
- 4 MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
  - MR. PISANI: That's not what he said.
- 6 MR. BAUGHMAN: That's not at all what he said.
  7 That is totally misleading.
  - MR. MCCUE: That's what he said three times.

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- 9 MR. BAUGHMAN: No. He said he can't remember 10 the names of them and your question made it sound
- like he can only remember that there was one. That is totally misleading.
  - BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. Do you remember the names of any lead providers at Paramount Media Group other than EMI as we sit here today?
- A. I don't recall the names of them. I know we had them. I just, you know, I don't recall the names.
- 19 Q. Okay. So, specifically with EMI, as Paramount
- 20 Media Group took telemarketing guidelines very
- seriously, did you provide the telemarketing guidelines to EMI?
- A. I'm sure at one time or another. I can't tell
- you if I did or didn't. I'm pretty sure that the
  - 5 opening conversation between EMI and Paramount started

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- 1 MR. PISANI: Objection.
- 2 MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection.
- 3 A. I don't recall the e-mails between Daphne and
- 4 I.
- 5 BY MR. PARONICH:
- 6 O. You received a lot of them and --
- 7 A. You know, I corresponded with Daphne
- 8 pertaining to the things in the agreements between
- **9** Paramount and Saveology.
- Q. You corresponded with Daphne about compliance issues?
- 12 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. And so your compliance contact at
- 14 Saveology gives you a suggestion for numbers to be
- 15 removed from your dialing efforts and you may or may not
- 16 have followed that instruction?
- MR. BAUGHMAN: Objection. You used the word
- instruction, which is --
- A. I can't give you -- I can't give you a
- 20 concrete answer because I don't recall.
- 21 BY MR. PARONICH:
- Q. Okay. So you've testified at length today
- 23 about how Paramount Media Group, Saveology and ADT took
- 24 their telemarketing guidelines very seriously, correct?
- A. That's correct.

- 1 by EMI stating they know -- they know the industry
- **2** better than me. They know the guidelines. They
- 3 understood everything. And that gave Paramount a level
- 4 of comfort.
- Q. Did they tell you that they understood the ADTguidelines?
- 6 guidelines?7 A. They
  - A. They understood the guidelines for ADT, yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. Did you ask them how?
- **9** A. No. It's a pretty common sense question. I
- understand the guidelines of ADT. Good, great. We'reon the same page.
- Q. Okay. Are you familiar with any third party
- 13 telemarketing audit entities, for example, Possible Now
- 14 or Compliance Point?
  - A. Pertaining to Paramount or in general?
- 16 Q. In general.
- A. I'm familiar with them, yes.
- Q. How are you familiar with them?
- A. They're the, I believe that is one of ADT's
- partners in terms of compliance, I believe. That's kindof guessing.
- Q. Okay. Have you ever used Possible Now or Compliance Point?
- A. I believe we have used them -- we had to
- 25 scrub. When we scrub information, I believe that is who

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- 1 we scrub through.
- 2 Q. Your understanding is that the information
- 3 that you scrubbed through was provided by those
- 4 entities?

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- A. To the best of my knowledge. I just kind of,
- 6 once again, you're going into a level that is above my
- 7 pay grade.
- 8 Q. That's fine. Paramount Media Group, did they
- 9 ever hire Possible Now or Compliance Point?
- 10 A. I would assume if we had to scrub through
- 11 Saveology that that is who they used.
- Q. But Paramount Media Group didn't hire them
- 13 directly?
- A. I had a -- Paramount Media Group had a
- 15 relationship with Saveology. Saveology had a
- relationship with ADT.
- 17 If Paramount Media Group is following the
- guidelines provided to us, we scrubbed through whoever.
- 19 I have no visibility inside of Saveology is my answer, I
- 20 guess. So anything that was scrubbed, I don't know if
- 21 they used one or the other.
- Q. But just, Paramount Media Group never hired
- either of these entities, correct?
- A. No, I don't know if -- I'm not 100 percent on
- 25 that. I don't know if Paramount hired them or if we

- 1 and you have that right.
- 2 Real quickly, take a look at Exhibit 12, which

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- 3 I just showed you.
- 4 A. Do I have 12?
  - Q. It was the last thing he showed you. It's the
- 6 4/20/11 e-mail from Daphne to you.
- 7 COURT REPORTER: I think that's 11.
- 8 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- **9** Q. Is that not exhibit 12?
  - MR. PARONICH: I think it's 11, Mike.
- 11 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- Q. My bad. Exhibit 11. Tab 3. Sorry.
  - A. Okay.
- Q. You've got it now?
- 15 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And you understood that this was passing along
- a issue that ADT asked Saveology to resolve regarding telemarketing, right?
- A. Would you repeat the question?
  - MR. MCCUE: Objection.
- 21 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- Q. You understood that this was passing along,
- 23 this was Saveology passing along to you a question that
- 24 ADT had regarding telemarketing that they wanted an
- answer to, right?

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- 1 A. Yes, that's correct.
  - Q. That was because ADT, when they got
  - 3 complaints, wanted to get them resolved, right?
  - 4 A. Correct.
  - 5 MR. MCCUE: Objection as to ADT's knowledge.
  - 6 A. Correct.
  - 7 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
  - 8 Q. And down at the bottom here, The first
  - 9 operator told me American Protection Services -- do you
  - 10 see that?
  - 11 A. Uh-huh.
  - Q. Remember earlier when I was asking you
  - 13 questions I showed you an e-mail about American
  - 14 Protection Services?
  - 15 A. Yeah.
  - Q. It's your recollection that basically shortly
  - 17 after you got this e-mail you terminated American
  - **18** Protection Service?
  - 19 A. Correct.
    - Q. Okay. Pull up -- hopefully I've got the
  - exhibits right. Pull up Tab 10 which I think is Exhibit 10.
  - MR. PARONICH: That's right.
  - 24 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
    - Q. And this is the commission payments to you.

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- 2 MR. PISANI: Okay. That's all I have for now.
- 3 RECROSS (RYAN NEILL)

utilized Saveology's. I do not know.

- 4 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- 5 Q. I just have a couple of real quick follow up
- questions.THE

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- 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: You need to grab a microphone.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Can I keep this?
- 10 BY MR. BAUGHMAN:
- Q. No. The court reporter gets that. By the
- way, you have the right to read and sign the transcript,
- meaning that after the court reporter writes this is all
- 14 down, you have the right to look through the transcript
- and see if there's anything that you think is
- 16 inaccurate.
- A. Yeah, I think, you know, at the beginning I
- said I spoke, one thing I said that kind of pinged in my
- head is I spoke to Chris Long, and I never did. I justgot the two Chris's confused. So I'll take a peak at
- 21 it.
- Q. So you would like to exercise that right to
- 23 read and sign the transcript?
- A. A hundred percent.
- Q. So the court reporter will send that to you

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**ADT Security Services** Page 129 Page 131 Do you see that? 1 Q. Okay. And maybe I used the wrong terminology. A. Yes. 2 2 It was an issue that came to ADT in some way that made Q. You were asked some questions about this and I its way to you; is that right? 3 3 4 think you gave an answer along the lines of these were 4 A. It made its way to me from Daphne. Q. Okay. And I think you testified earlier, you sales relating to ADT, right? 5 A. That's correct. didn't think there was anything improper about this 6 Q. But I think you testified earlier you don't 7 call, it was just sort of a customer service issue, 7 know, once you pass the sale onto Saveology, you don't right? 8 8 know where that goes, right? A. Yeah. He had come in with opt-in stuff and I 9 9 A. Correct. guess we had called him and he didn't want to be 10 10 Q. It could be to ADT's dealers, correct? bothered. I do recall the gentleman saying he works in 11 11 a big call center and, you know, that type of thing. 12 A. Correct. 12 Q. So all of this money could be coming not from O. So you even got, I mean, questions from ADT 13 13 ADT, but from ADT dealers? came down to you about any sort of customer service 14 14 A. That is correct. issue that involved do not contact, right? 15 15 Q. Pull up Tab 17, which is Exhibit 8. A. Yes. 16 16 You were asked some questions about, this is Q. They wanted to make sure even if it didn't 17 17 an e-mail string dated February 28, 2011. And, again, 18 involve a legal violation, they wanted to make sure 18 their customers were happy, right? this is passing along to you a complaint. Have you got 19 19 it yet? I'm sorry. It is Exhibit 8, an e-mail A. Correct. 20 20 February 28, 2011. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Do you have a phone on? 21 21 A. What's the e-mail? 22 THE WITNESS: Yes. 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I'm getting some O. Daphne to you, February 28, 2011. There's a 23 23 big Paramount Media Group on the first page. interference. Can you turn it off? 24 24 25 A. Okay. 25 THE WITNESS: Sure. Page 130 Page 132 Q. You got it? THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thanks. 1 1 A. Yup. MR. BAUGHMAN: I don't have any other 2 2 Q. You were asked some questions about this questions. Thanks. 3 3 document earlier; do you remember that? MR. PISANI: We're good. 4 4 A. I was asking questions? 5 5 6 Q. You were asked some question about this 6 document earlier, right? 7 sure everything is accurate. 7 A. Yes. Yes. THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'll take a peak at it. 8 8 9 Q. And this is the situation where the person 9 wanted to speak to a supervisor, they spoke to you and record is that discovery is still ongoing, we 10

10 they were happy, right? 11

12 A. Correct.

Q. And I think you testified there was nothing --13 well, first of all, this is passing along a complaint 14 that ADT received, got passed along to you for an 15 answer; is that right? 16

A. I was under the impression that this wasn't a 17 formal complaint, and this was just someone coming from 18 my center, which company policy was for a manager to 19 speak to them. I took it upon myself.

20 I vaguely recall. But I had a nice 21 conversation with the gentleman. I said I would take 22 23 care of all the proper procedures, and he went back on to this blog and said, the owner of Paramount is a good 24 25 guy.

Based on the witness's prior comments he will reserve signature. You want to read it and make

MR. MCCUE: The only thing we'd like on the reserve the right to suspend the deposition and recall the witness if we need to.

MR. BAUGHMAN: To do what? Resume? MR. MCCUE: Discovery is still ongoing so we could get information from you, from Eversafe, from any of these folks that would require us to come back.

MR. PISANI: Based on information you don't have currently.

MR. PARONICH: Correct.

MR. BAUGHMAN: ADT reserves its right to

MR. LINDSMITH: We don't agree to that. MR. PISANI: Certainly we don't agree to that either.

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| 2  | (At 11:51 a.m. the deposition was concluded.)  | 2   | THE STATE OF FLORIDA)   |
| 3  | (  | 3   | COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)   |
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